

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church

Lake Zurich, IL

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Second Sunday in Lent **March 8, 2020**

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. And 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: Dear Lord, I know that death was not part of Your perfect world. It entered because of sin. It came on us because You promised that if Adam and Eve transgressed Your command, they would die. They disobeyed; they died; and in them we have become children of death. However, Your promise of judgment was followed by a promise of mercy. During this season of Lent, let me see again how Your promise of mercy did not negate Your promise of judgment. Let me see that in the suffering and dying Christ, judgment and mercy meet. Your judgment on me has been carried out in Christ. Your merciful forgiveness is mine. For this I thank You. Amen.

Today's Service: *Divine Service 3, NPH, reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-800156 and under CCLI license #11327771.*

Today's Theme: The gift of God comes by faith to all nations. Not a holy life, not acts of obedience, but simple trust in the promise of God brings the gift of living water for thirsty souls. Abraham believed God's promise and so became not only the father of a nation, but the forefather of the Promised Seed who would bless all peoples. He had faith in God who justifies the wicked, and so God credited it to him as righteousness. By this same faith, Christ gives righteousness to all who believe and enfolds sinful Samaritans and modern Gentiles like us into the family of God.

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion: p. 156 in the front of the hymnal

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: **CW 111 "Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing"**

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession of Sins

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with at true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

The Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Christ, have mer - cy on us.

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

Absolution

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, 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.

The song of praise is omitted during Lent.

The Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sit

The First Lesson: GENESIS 12:1-8 (God's plan of salvation called for one special nation which would carry the Promise of the Seed meant for all people. From the beginning, this nation would be built on faith in the promises of God. God told Abram to leave all he knew and go to a place yet unknown and wait for blessings as yet undefined. God revealed that the Seed of woman promised in the garden would now descend from the family of an old man and his barren wife living as strangers in a land not yet their own. No logic or emotion could have led Abram to leave his home—only trust in his Savior God. Abram believed and set God's plan in motion to build a nation on the promises of God to fulfill the promises of God. All people would be blessed by the nation descended from Abram, because this man of faith bears the bloodline of the Promised Seed, the Messiah who would come as Savior of all nations).

1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you;

I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

4 So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. 5 He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

6 Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. (NIV 2011)

Verse of the Day: (sung by the Choir) Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:8b)

Stand

The Gospel Lesson: JOHN 4:5-26 (He defied popular convention by traveling through Samaria. He defied religious convention by asking a Samaritan woman for a drink. Why would Jesus even bother with this woman? She was a Samaritan and a habitual adulterer. Yet He had to be here (John 4:4), not because of convention or expectations but because of His mission to save all people. He had come to save the world, and that meant He had come for this woman, too. Not because she had lived a holy life—far from it! Only because of His grace. He used the mirror of the Law to incite within her a thirst for mercy that could only be sated by the living water of grace. A Samaritan...a sinner...and yet Jesus opens the flood gates of the water of life and reveals His true identity as the Promised Seed, the Anointed One, her Savior. He calls her to faith, and she believes and finds living water for her thirsty soul.)

5 So He came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as He was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give Me a drink?" 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

9 The Samaritan woman said to Him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can You ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water."

11 “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can You get this living water? 12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?”

13 Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

15 The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

16 He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

17 “I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

19 “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that You are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

21 Jesus declared, “Believe Me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”

25 The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us.”

26 Then Jesus declared, “I who speak to you am He.” (NIV 2011)

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

We believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: CW 391 “God Loved the World So That He Gave”

The Sermon

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God,
and re - new a stead - fast spir - it with - in me.
Do not cast me from your pres - ence or take your
Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy, the joy of
your sal - va - tion and grant me a will - ing
spir - it to sus - tain me.

The Offering

Stand

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.** (*spoken*)

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who demonstrated His mercy and grace to sinners. While we were still weak, He died for the ungodly; while we were still sinners, He died for us. Through Your love in Christ beyond compare, prepare our hearts, minds, hands, and lips to celebrate this Meal and receive Your body and Your blood given and shed for us in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
Lord, God of pow - er, God of might: heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry, ho - ly,
ho - ly, ho - ly Lord! Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
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.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world, grant us your peace.
a tempo
A-men. A-men. A-men.

Sit

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 114 “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

The Song of Simeon



In peace, Lord, you let your
ser-vant now de-part ac-cord-ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal-va-tion which
you have pre-pared for ev-'ry peo-ple, a
light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the
glo-ry of your peo-ple Is-ra-el.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

P: We give thanks, Lord our God, that in this sacrament You have again assured us of the forgiveness of our sins. Grant that the faith in our hearts may be demonstrated in the living out of our days, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

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 103 "Glory Be to Jesus"

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Dressel

Today— Choir at 8:45 AM

Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School, Adult Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Wednesday—**Lenten Supper at 6:15 PM**

Third Mid-Week Lenten Service at 7:00 PM

Tone Chimes at 8:00 PM

Thursday— GREEN TEAM from 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Friday—Men's Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Sunday— **Worship Service at 9:30 AM**

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

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. A NEW sheet has been posted and many slots are open. Sign-up today!

Adult Bible Class will meet in the New Life Café this morning at 10:45 AM. Class is using the Growing in Grace catechism curriculum. Today we will be studying "The Holy Christian Church and Local Congregations."

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to send kids from our church to Training Camp at the Ash Wednesday meal. If you wish, you can place a gift for this purpose in the offering plate. Simply mark it "Camp." All donations given for camp will be matched dollar for dollar by National Mutual Benefit. A total of \$925 has been donated so far.

This Wednesday, Pastor Kevin Raddatz from St. John's in Libertyville will be our guest pastor. The theme for the service is, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War—Reconnaissance Report—Know Your Enemy." The meal is an opportunity to spend time with fellow members and begins at 6:15 PM.

Work on the Green Team pine cars has begun. You can see the rough cut cars on the table outside the pastor's office. Green Team's next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12 at 6:30 PM.

If you'd like to purchase an Easter lily to adorn the Lord's chancel for Easter Sunday, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the lower level. Cost for each lily is \$8. Checks can be written to Kelly Daugherty.

Volunteer Opportunity: Builders For Christ

Make a difference today and volunteer to build churches in AZ, TX, or NC. Sign up for any length of time and help these congregations reach even more people in their community. No experience? No problem! Training is provided on site. Volunteers are especially needed March-April. ✂

Learn more: www.kingdomworkers.com/volunteer or call Kingdom Workers @ 414-771-6848

An Easter breakfast sign-up sheet is now posted. Please indicate what you'd like to bring for breakfast and plan on spending some enjoyable fellowship time with members and friends of New Life on Easter Sunday!

A booklet regarding information on the new hymnal is available and will be handed out (one per family) after the service this morning.

Pastor Bauer defines sacramental piety as "taking great care when it comes to the distribution of the earthly elements in the Sacrament of Holy Communion." With the onset of the COVID-19 virus (coronavirus), it may be helpful to reassure the members of New Life that when they receive the Sacrament, great care has always been taken in setting up for Holy Communion. The vessels are cleaned with care. Hands are washed prior to the handling of communion ware, individual cups and bread and wine. In addition, during the offering, the pastor has always been in the practice of heading to the kitchen to make sure his hands are washed prior to distribution. This information is being provided to reassure members that great care is being taken when it comes to the distribution of the earthly elements in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Holy Communion is offered twice a month at New Life on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

It has been our tradition to shake the pastor's hand on the way out of church. In light of the current situation, God's people can do whatever they feel comfortable with, a handshake, a fist pump, nothing, but certainly NOT a hug, since the pastor isn't a hugger.

Our Faithfulness to God's Word last Sunday: 50



Lenten Series 2020

Supper at 6:15 PM

Service at 7:00 PM

Midweek Lent #3—March 11th

Pastor Raddatz—"Reconnaissance Report: Know Your Enemy" (Eph. 6:12)

Midweek Lent #4—March 18th

Pastor Meiselwitz—"The Warrior Rejected by Many Followers" (John 6:66)

Midweek Lent #5—March 25th

Pastor Carlovsky—"The Warrior Faces Satan's Ally, the World" (John 18:38)

Midweek Lent #6—April 1st

Pastor Schubert—"The Promised Warrior" (Isaiah 42:13)

MAUNDY THURSDAY—APRIL 9th— "The Battle Is Personal" (Luke 22:47-48)

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 10th— "The Greatest Battle Ever Fought" (Mt. 27:45-50)

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 12th— "Victory!" (Revelation 19:11-16)

