

ROMANS 5:5



HOPE
does not
put us
to
shame



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

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Second Sunday in Lent **February, 28, 2021**

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.

Covid-19 Precautions / Reminders:

1. Every other pew will be taped off to create social distance.
2. The windows will be open to create as much airflow as possible.
3. The hymnals have been removed from the pews. The hymns will be sung out of the bulletin or off the projector screens.
4. Worshipers are asked to pick up their own bulletin and take it home with them.
5. Offerings will be placed in the plate on the podium before or after the service.
6. The church council asks that everyone wear a mask, if possible. Masks are available in the entryway.
7. The pastor won't shake hands after the service.
8. Something to eat and drink will be offered after the service today in the fellowship hall.

Before Service Prayer: Lord of the mysteries of faith, today I will participate in the Lord's Supper, which You instituted in order to give me concrete proof of Your love. Many questions tend to come to mind when I attempt to explain what I am doing. Yet, faith has allowed me to accept and obey Your commandment to do this in memory of Jesus. May this Sacrament that I am going to receive help me to feel more certain that I am Your child, that You love me and that You want to use me to share the Gospel. Thank You for allowing me to participate in this service with my brothers and sisters in the faith. May their presence and their need for You and their faith also build me up. Bless them so that we may feel united in You, just as Your disciples did. In Christ's name. Amen.

Today's Service: *Service of Word and Sacrament, NPH; used with permission under OneLicense.net #A-800156 and under CCLI license #1132777.*

Today's Theme: Our Lord's whole purpose in becoming one of us in human history was to die for us. As a result, He purposely marched toward Jerusalem and the certain death on the cross He knew would come. For Him, the Scriptures were not forecasts of what might happen but God's immutable will for Him. He had to suffer and die so that we could be saved. And the eternal life He thereby won for us gives us purpose in daily living. We can willingly deny ourselves in service to others; we can take up our cross, knowing that our life with Him will never end.

Pastor's Welcome:

Opening Hymn: CW 120 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown For my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.**

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.**

Invocation

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

Congregation: Amen.

Confession and Absolution (Incorporating Genesis 17:7; Psalm 22:27; Romans 5:6, 9-10)

P: God established an everlasting covenant with Abraham,

C: but our faith has waxed and waned. O Lord, forgive our forgetfulness of Your unchanging grace.

P: David wrote, "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,"

C: but we have failed to remind one another of God's mercy and love. O Lord, forgive our hesitancy to share the news of Your gracious presence.

P: Paul wrote that because Christ died for the ungodly, we are justified by His blood,

C: but we have tried to hide our sinfulness. O Lord, forgive our blindness to the necessary sacrifice of our Savior.

P: God sent His Son into the world with one purpose: to save us from the wrath of God. “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace we have with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For peace among the families of the nations and in coming generations, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all who rejoice here for our access by faith into this grace in which we stand, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: By Your purposeful suffering, rejection, death, and resurrection—help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

(During the season of Lent, the song of praise is omitted.)

Prayer of the Day

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.

The First Lesson: ROMANS 5:1-11 *(To the world the real meaning of Lent makes no sense at all. Only the Christian gets it, and that as a result of the miracle of faith worked by the proclamation of the gospel. And this is that miracle: Christ the Holy One, Christ the innocent, suffered for man the sinner, for man the guilty. The suffering was real. So too was its result: Christ suffering for sinners and in their place makes them innocent in God’s sight. Because we would never get the point or hang on to it, we suffer, too. Our suffering, whether from the purifying and purging hand of God or from His permission granted to the devil to scourge us as he scourged Job and Paul, helps us to despair of ourselves and our own strength and to live by faith in His suffering for us sinners. Reconciled we now cling to Him confidently in suffering as we await the final manifestation of the glory of His resurrection. Therefore, we embrace the suffering Savior and do not run away from our own suffering; both are gifts of grace for sinners who have become saints by virtue of Christ’s suffering and through faith in His merit. Only a Christian can grasp that.)*

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (NIV 2011)

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Stand

Gospel Lesson: MARK 8:31-38 (There it is, the stark reality: the love of God is inseparably connected to the cross, both His and ours! The price of our salvation is steep indeed! The suffering was as real as the resurrection which followed it. The cross of the Christian is likewise as real as the glory which follows it. In both cases, no cross, no crown! In Christ's case the cross is redemptive. In our case the cross is the necessary consequence of His redemptive work, not its cause—but nevertheless an indispensable consequence. Be careful in defining it; the cross is not all suffering. It is all suffering that comes as a result of following Jesus, e.g., persecution, the excruciating pain to self of denying self, even the struggle against both self-righteousness and despair. Our cross drives us to His cross both for forgiveness and for strength. Beware of proving Marx and Lenin right when they said that religion is the opium of the masses; the religion of the cross certainly is not that!)

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter. "Get behind Me, Satan!" He said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

³⁴ Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation,

the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when He comes in His Father's glory with the holy angels."
(NIV 2011)

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

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

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: **CW 123** "Lord Jesus Christ, You Set Us Free"

**Lord Jesus Christ, You set us free-- Accept our thanks eternally!
Forgiven through Your precious blood, We now are reconciled to God.**

**By virtue of the wounds You bore, True God and Man, our hope restore.
Give courage when we yield our breath; Deliver us from hell and death.**

**Defend us, Lord, from sin and shame; Help us by Your almighty name
To bear our crosses patiently, Consoled by Your great agony.**

**For thus the certainty we gain That You will always true remain
And not forsake us in our strife But lead us out of death to life.**

Sermon

The 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.

(Offerings can be placed in the plate on the table in the entryway either before or after the service.)

Prayer of the Church

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 to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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, whose Son was undeterred in following His purpose in life, going to the cross and dying and rising for us. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

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 114 “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

**Christ, the Life of all the living, Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe --
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**Thou, ah, Thou hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with cruel scorn,
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne
That as Thine Thou mightest own me And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee -- Thence I gain security.
Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**Thou has suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me.
Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.**

**Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.**

Thank the Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that Your Son let nothing keep Him from the cross and that through this Sacrament You have given purpose to our lives. Continue to strengthen us that we may grow in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—be with you now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: CW 347 "Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be!"

Jesus! and shall it ever be A mortal man ashamed of Thee?
Ashamed of Thee, whom angels praise, Whose glories shine through endless days?

Ashamed of Jesus? Just as soon Let midnight be ashamed of noon.
'Tis midnight with my soul till He, Bright Morning Star, bids darkness flee.

Ashamed of Jesus, that dear Friend On whom my hopes of heav'n depend?
No; when I blush, be this my shame, That I no more revere His name.

Ashamed of Jesus? Yes, I may When I've no guilt to wash away,
No tear to wipe, no good to crave, No fear to quell, no soul to save.

**Till then -- nor is my boasting vain-- Till then I boast a Savior slain;
And oh, may this my glory be: That Christ is not ashamed of me.**

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Bauer / Spangle

Today— Communion Service at 9:30 AM
Sunday School, Adult Bible Class at 10:45 AM
Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Monday—Pastor's Circuit Meeting in Round Lake at 9:30 AM

Wednesday—3rd Mid-Week Lenten Service at 7:00 PM
Service Project / Coffee and Cake in the Café at 6:30 PM
Church Council at 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

NEW LIFE ENDOWMENT FUND

The New Life Endowment Fund earned \$941.18 in interest in 2020. The Executive Board of the New Life Church council decided to split that amount between Tree of Life Lutheran Preschool and Amanda Follmer who attends WLC.

NEW WELS HYMNAL

New Life, in her five-year plan, has included "purchase and use the new WELS hymnal." The new hymnal will be available this fall. Pre-orders are currently being taken. The overall effort which is called *Christian Worship* is the result of a careful, years-long curation process conducted by dozens of spiritually discerning pastors, teachers, and laypeople with field test results from across the synod. The new hymnal also comes along with several accompany books: a psalter book, an altar book, etc. which will be used at church. Much more information is available on christianworship.com.

A new hymnal costs \$24. Craig La Plante, the Stewardship Chairman, has filled out a worksheet which helps congregations get an idea of what getting the new hymnal for New Life, along with the needed accompaniment books, will cost. The cost will be around \$3,000. Members of New Life are being given a chance to purchase a hymnal or hymnals in memory of someone or in honor of someone. Giving members an opportunity to purchase hymnals in this way is how New Life funded our current "Christian Worship-A Lutheran Hymnal" and "Christian Worship Supplement".

The three books every Lutheran Christian wants in their home are the Bible, Luther's Catechism and a hymnal. If you'd like to pre-order a hymnal and / or the accompanying devotion booklet for yourself, you can do that as well.

Envelopes have been provided downstairs in the fellowship hall for purchasing hymnals and other books. A large sign-up sheet listing the books and their cost of each book has been posted on the bulletin board in the

fellowship hall. If you would like to purchase a hymnal and/or one or more of the accompanying books, please use an envelope and designate your gift for that purpose.

USE OF OUR HYMNALS

When are the hymnals and supplements coming back? The plan is to have them back in the pew the Sunday after Easter.

UPDATING OUR VIDEO & AUDIO

Our current AV equipment has served us well but is now roughly 20 years old and overdue for upgrades. Church Council is currently working with DSH Audio Visions LLC on upgrading our Audio/Visual capabilities. DSH will be designing all potential AV improvements but our initial focus will be on improving our Video capabilities allowing for improved live-streaming and recording of Worship Services and special events. The design will also provide us with a roadmap for future improvements that can be made as funding allows.

DSH has assisted other WELS churches and comes highly recommended.

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECTS

Instead of Lenten meals this year, New Life will work on a service project prior to each of the six-mid week Lenten services. The service project will consist of putting together care packages for residents of Auberge, the memory care facility next door to church. Come and help put a personal touch on care packages for those who have been isolated from family due to the pandemic. The activity will begin at 6:30 PM.

LENT 2021 – THE HANDS OF THE PASSION

Whether they were lifted to bless God's chosen people or to stone God's chosen prophets, hands in the Bible are rarely noticed but always in action. The Hands of the Passion Lenten Series explores the many roles hands played during the Passion History, from waving palm branches to nailing our Savior to the cross.

- **March 3, 3rd Mid-Week Service**, Pastor Schubert, "Hands of Misguided Zeal" (Peter)
- **March 10, 4th Mid-Week Service**, Pastor Carlovsky, "Hands of Hypocrisy" (Caiaphas)
- **March 17, 5th Mid-Week Service**, Pastor Schultz, "Hands of Brutality" (Soldiers)
- **March 24, 6th Mid-Week Service**, Pastor Bauer, "Hands of Preservation" (Pilate)
- **March 28, Palm Sunday**, "Hands of Praise" (Disciples and Crowds)
- **April 1, Maundy Thursday**, "Hands of Humility" (Jesus)
- **April 2, Good Friday**, "Nail Pierced Hands" (Jesus)
- **April 4, Easter Sunday**, "Life-Giving Hands" (Jesus)

The Lenten Service begins at 7:00 PM. Due to Covid-19, New Life will omit the Lenten meal prior to the service. Meetings during the second half of February and March will be moved to Wednesday night to make it possible for as many as possible to attend Lenten service.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Last Sunday, Frieda Krauth, her daughter Andrea Bielski and Andrea's son Andrew, were received into membership by transfer from Christ the King in Palatine. If you haven't met Frieda, Andrea, Andrew or Andrea's husband Adalbert, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome at New Life.