

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. 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: O precious Savior and Redeemer, during these special days of Lent, let our hearts and faith review all You did for us so that we might have life with You. When we fall into sin, lead us to remember how You lived a perfect life to make up for our sins. When our sins trouble us, lead us to recall how You suffered the punishment which we deserved. Use our worship and our study during this season so that our faith might be strengthened and our fruits of faith increased. Amen.

Today's Service: *Service of the Word, NPH, Gathering Rite, GIA; reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-800156 and under CCLI license #1132777.*

Today's Theme: Long before Jesus' death and resurrection, God made clear to His people that death would not have the last word. As Elisha was directed to bring life back to the lifeless son of the Shunammite woman, the boy's resurrection and Lazarus' resurrection would foreshadow the future for God's people through the One who conquered death and grave once for all. In a world of death and decay and pandemic, we are sustained in our journey now until the resurrection of all flesh through Jesus Christ, our life-giving Lord and Savior.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 100 "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

Gathering Rite (Pastor sings through the refrain once and then the verses, Congregation sings the refrain as indicated throughout the song)

Refrain



Re - mem-ber your love and your faith-ful-ness, O Lord.



Re - mem-ber your peo-ple and have mer-cy on us, Lord.

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear? The Lord is my life and my refuge, when I call God hears.

Refrain:

L: If You dwelt, O Lord, upon our sinfulness, then who could stand? But with You there is mercy and forgiveness and a guiding hand.

Refrain:

L: O Lord, hear the sound of my call and answer me. My heart cries out for Your presence, it is You I seek.

Refrain:

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.** (spoken)

Confession, Kyrie, Absolution

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- L:
1. Lord Jesus, obedient in the desert:
 2. Christ Jesus, the promise of salvation:
 3. Lord Jesus, the flood of living water:



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| 1. Lord, have mer - cy. | Lord, have mer - cy. |
| 2. Christ, have mer - cy. | Christ, have mer - cy. |
| 3. Lord, have mer - cy. | Lord, have mer - cy. |

P: Having heard your confession, I assure you that our gracious Father in heaven has heard your prayer, and by the command of the 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.** (spoken) (*immediately repeat the refrain*)

Refrain



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Re - mem-ber your peo-ple and have mer-cy on us, Lord.

The Collect

P: Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen** (spoken)

Announcement of the Day

Pastor: In this, our last Sunday in the season of Lent prior to Holy Week, we are given the truth of the life the Lord has come to bring. The prophet Elisha raises to life the son of the Shunammite woman. In the Epistle to the Romans, we hear of our life in Christ through the Spirit. In the Holy Gospel, we hear the greatest sign through which our Lord foreshadows His own resurrection, bringing a dead and decaying Lazarus back to life, which also foreshadows the resurrection and eternal life for all who believe.

The First Lesson: **2 Kings 4:18-37** (*The story is heartbreaking: a barren woman gives birth to a promised child. All her hopes and love wrapped themselves up in this little boy, until the day his head hurt. He died in his mother's lap while she rocked him. Can you imagine the pain? Death is the bitter lot we inherited from Adam. But God wants us to know that even in the face of a death as heartrending as this, He promises that whoever believes in Him will live, even though he dies. So, God lets Elisha pay an advance on the inheritance waiting for the coheirs of Christ, that we might know and believe that Jesus one day will raise us from death to life.*)

¹⁸ The child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. ¹⁹ He said to his father, "My head! My head!"

His father told a servant, "Carry him to his mother." ²⁰ After the servant had lifted him up and carried him to his mother, the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died. ²¹ She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out.

²² She called her husband and said, "Please send me one of the servants and a donkey so I can go to the man of God quickly and return."

²³ “Why go to him today?” he asked. “It’s not the New Moon or the Sabbath.”

“That’s all right,” she said.

²⁴ She saddled the donkey and said to her servant, “Lead on; don’t slow down for me unless I tell you.” ²⁵ So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When he saw her in the distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi, “Look! There’s the Shunammite! ²⁶ Run to meet her and ask her, ‘Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?’”

“Everything is all right,” she said.

²⁷ When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold of his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, “Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me why.”

²⁸ “Did I ask you for a son, my lord?” she said. “Didn’t I tell you, ‘Don’t raise my hopes?’”

²⁹ Elisha said to Gehazi, “Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand and run. Don’t greet anyone you meet, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff on the boy’s face.”

³⁰ But the child’s mother said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So he got up and followed her.

³¹ Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the boy’s face, but there was no sound or response. So Gehazi went back to meet Elisha and told him, “The boy has not awakened.”

³² When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. ³³ He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the LORD. ³⁴ Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy’s body grew warm. ³⁵ Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.

³⁶ Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, “Call the Shunammite.” And he did. When she came, he said, “Take your son.” ³⁷ She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out. (NIV 2011)

Psalm of the Day: **Psalm 116** (Hymn version, TLH 600)

**O Lord, my God, I cry to Thee;
In my distress Thou helpst me.
My soul and body I commend
Into Thy hand; Thine angel send
To guide me home and cheer my heart
Then Thou dost call me to do depart.**

**O Jesus Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
Once slain to take away our load,
Now let Thy cross, Thine agony,
Avail to save and solace me,
Thy death, to open heav’n, and there
Bid me the joy of angels share.**

**O Holy Spirit, faithful Friend,
Grant me Thy comfort to the end.
When death and hell assail me sore,
Leave me, oh, leave me, nevermore.
But bear me safely thro' the strife,
As Thou hast promised, into life. (tune CW 479)**

*The Second Lesson: **Romans 8:11-18** (The close connection between the life of the believer and the life of Christ is emphasized by Paul. Our life in Christ brings both blessings and obligations: blessing in the status of sonship graciously established by the Spirit; obligation in living as befits those led by the Spirit as the sons of God.)*

¹¹ And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you.

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. (NIV 2011)

Verse of the Day: I am the resurrection and the life, I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, though he die, yet shall he live. (*Sung by the Pastor*)

Stand

*The Gospel Lesson: **John 11:17-27, 38-45** (Just prior to His entry into Jerusalem, Jesus raises Lazarus to life. To the consternation of the Pharisees, the people see the miracle and put their hope in Jesus.)*

¹⁷ On His arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet Him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹ “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give You whatever You ask.”

²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴ Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”

²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ “Take away the stone,” He said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴² I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that You sent Me.”

⁴³ When He had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in Him. (NIV 2011)

Hymn of the Day: CW 382 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

The Sermon

The Apostle’s Creed

**We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need, Praised by all the heav’nly host,
By whose mighty pow’r alone All is made and wrought and done.**

**We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary’s Son,
Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won,
By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.**

**We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both fore’er proceeds.
Who upholds and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessed, holy Trinity, Hear our praise eternally! (CW 270)**

The Offering (Place in the plate on the bookstand after the service.)

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.

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us strong in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us Your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. (spoken)

The Blessing

P: We depart today and continue each day celebrating life:

C: life created by the Father;

P: life restored by Jesus Christ, the life of all the living, who is the resurrection and the life;

C: life sanctified by the living breath of the Holy Spirit.

P: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: CWS 715 "What Grace is This"

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week
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Cleaning this Week: Bauer / Spangle

Today—Worship Service at 9:30 AM (taped)

NO Sunday School or Bible Class

Confirmation Class 6:00 PM

Monday – Friday—NO Preschool (Shelter-in-place order due to Covid-19.)

Wednesday—Mid-week Lenten Service #6 at 7:00 PM (taped)

NO Council or Branch Connection

Friday—NO Men's Bible Class

Sunday—*Palm Sunday*

Worship at 9:30 AM (taped)

NO Sunday School or Bible Class

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

