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

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**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2024**

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 lower level 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 fellowship hall 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. The service is also simulcast on the church's Facebook page.

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.

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God Comforts His People with His Forgiveness

THEME FOR THE DAY—FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST SEE THE TRUE PURPOSE OF HIS POWER

Power is neither inherently good nor bad. Fire is powerful. The chef uses fire to create meals. But the arsonist uses fire to destroy homes. Nuclear fission is a powerful force. The engineer harnesses it, producing abundant electricity. The tyrant harnesses it, threatening others with nuclear weapons. What matters is the purpose of the one who has that power.

Jesus has limitless power, as the numerous accounts of His miracles demonstrate. Those who witnessed those miracles understood that Jesus used His power for good. That *doesn't* mean they all understood Jesus' true purpose. Some thought Jesus' purpose was to make this temporal life better. And while Jesus did that at times, His ultimate purpose was to save us from sin and give us the gift of eternal life. Followers of Christ see the true purpose of His power.

HYMN CW 769 "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"

INVOCATION

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

C: (spoken) Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 146:7b–8; James 2:17–18*

P: The Lord sets the prisoners free;

C: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

P: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

C: the Lord loves the righteous.

P: So also faith by itself,

C: if it does not have works, is dead.

P: But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.”

C: Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION

(1 John 1:8-9)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

ABSOLUTION

(John 20:21-23)

(“The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to His church on earth: to forgive the sins of the penitent sinners.” Luther’s Small Catechism: The Use of the Keys and Confession.)

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

(Mark 10:47)

(These are the words to the oldest canticle in the Christian church, the Kyrie.)

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

C: Lord, have mercy and help us reflect our faith in all we do.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy and help us show our confidence in all Your promises.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy and help us be active parts of Your church.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy and strengthen the faith of all who hear Your Word with us.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord. (CW93 353)

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, *turning blindness into sight.*
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands with the Father's word of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
From this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

**Let us praise the Word incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose victorious that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the true Redeemer, praise the One who makes us one.**

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

(The salutation is a Christian greeting, offered here for mutual encouragement as the congregation prepares to hear God's word.)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M & C: Grant us strength that comes from vibrant faith, O Lord. By Your power and guidance, move us to show forth our faith with words and deeds of loving service; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

[We sit at the feet of Jesus like Mary did, to hear His word (Luke 10:42).]

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 35:4-7a – Through the prophet Isaiah God promised that He would come, making the blind see and the lame leap. But the ultimate purpose of His coming was to save us.

Say to those with fearful hearts,

“Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
He will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
He will come to save you.”

⁵Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

⁶Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.

⁷The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs. (NIV 2011)

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!



I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.



Praise the LORD, Ó my soul.*

I will sing praise to my God as long ás I live.

Do not put your trust in prínces,*
in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,*
the maker of heavén and earth.

Refrain

The LORD gives food to the hungry,*
the LORD sets prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,*
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast*
and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful forever.*
He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

**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

SECOND LESSON James 2:1–10, 14–18 (Love your neighbor as yourself. Faith without works is dead.)

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, “Here’s a good seat for you,” but say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,” ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom He promised those who love Him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of Him to whom you belong?

⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.”

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. (NIV 2011)

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Psalm 147:2–3*

P: Alleluia. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

Please Stand

GOSPEL **Mark 7:31-37** – Jesus uses His power not to elicit praise from the crowd but to demonstrate His love for a man who was deaf and mute.

(The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.)

M: The gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to Him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place His hand on him.

³³ After He took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put His fingers into the man’s ears. Then He spit and touched the man’s tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “*Ephphatha!*” (which means “Be opened!”). ³⁵ At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more He did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.” (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel:

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY CW 537 “Word of God, Come Down to Earth.” (CW 221)

(The Hymn of the Day is a hymn specially assigned to this day for its richness, its content and its connection to the day’s Gospel.)

THE SERMON

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 SACRAMENT

(God in His word makes it clear that Holy Communion is to be shared by people of a common proclamation of faith (1 Corinthians 11:26, 1 Corinthians 10:16). So, without judging anyone's heart, we invite those who share in our confession by their membership in our church body, and who are properly prepared (1 Corinthians 11:27), to come to the front and receive the Sacrament.)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you. (spoken)

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *(Latin for "Holy," tune CW 441)*

(Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9)



1 Sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, the God by all a - dored."
 2 "Ho - san - na in the high - est" sing and bless the com - ing One.



The heav'ns a - bove and earth be - low His glo - ry ev - er tell.
 Our Lord is here and with Him we shall now and ev - er dwell.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Jesus took bread and "gave thanks." (Matthew 26:26)

M: Blessed are You, O Lord God, King of the Universe. Before the foundation of the world, You chose to redeem us with the precious blood of Your Son, a lamb without blemish or defect.

We give You humble and heartfelt thanks.

The iniquity in which we were conceived,

Has been cleansed by the mystery of His holy incarnation;

Our self-absorbed youth has been sanctified

By His birth, circumcision and obedience;

Our self-willed lives have been brought into conformity

With Your holy will by His Baptism, fasting and temptation;

The head of our adversary, the serpent

Has been crushed by Christ's bloody agony, sweat and scourging;

The gloomy portal of death has become the gate to everlasting life

Through His precious cross, death and burial.

Strengthen our faith through this heavenly food that, as partakers in Christ's glorious resurrection, we may, together, recline at the wedding feast of the Lamb, and hear us now as we join in praying...

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

M: 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."

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Latin for "Lamb of God," tune CW 441)

(John 1:29)



1 O ho - ly spot - less Lamb of God, our sins You take a - way.
2 O ho - ly, spot - less Lamb of God, our sins You take a - way.



Have mer - cy, Lord, Your mer - cy show, and hear us as we pray.
Have mer - cy, Lord, and send us peace as we live out this day.

DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution the congregation will sing CW 661 "Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord" (CW93 309)

THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS (Latin for "Now Dismiss," tune CW 215)

(Luke 2:29-32)



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn. This child so long fore - told.
in our midst. The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Bc hon - or, love, and praise.

PRAYER

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that You have done what we could not do. You have shown us mercy, bestowed faith in our hearts, and provided the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. We pray that You will strengthen us thereby so that we may serve You now in time and forever in eternity; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

M: 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 576** “Amazing Grace” (CW93 379)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Dressel

Today—Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Monday—Chicago Pastor’s Conference at St. Andrew’s in Chicago

Tuesday—Chicago Pastor’s Conference at St. Andrew’s in Chicago

Preschool Staff Meeting at 3:30 PM

Branch Connection Ladies Group at 4:30 PM

Wednesday—Tone Chime Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 PM

Thursday—Green Team at 6:30 PM

Friday—Men’s Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Next Sunday—Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP SHEET

A new sign-up sheet has been posted for providing something to eat and drink after the Sunday service. The sheet covers July 2024 through October 2024.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of Sunday, September 1st we have received \$34,998 in offerings for the current fiscal year. This places us \$6,225 behind the budget.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS—TEACHERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

Pastor Bauer now has a full-time teacher and three other members who are willing to be part of a rotation. It would be great if one or two other members would come forward to take a turn teaching Sunday School.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Adult Bible class will resume on Sunday, September 8. Adult Bible class starts at 10:45 AM and ends at 11:45 AM on Sunday mornings.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Men's Bible class will resume on September 13 at 11:30 AM.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The first 7th and 8th grade confirmation class will begin this evening at 6:00 PM.

SIGN PROJECT

As you recall, in early 2023 the church council researched replacing our exterior church sign. The North Shore Sign proposal we selected includes refurbishing our current metal framework and installing a programmable digital sign. The overall cost of the project is approximately \$36,000. At our July 9, 2023 annual voters meeting the sign project was presented to the voters and a conditional approval was given to move forward. The condition stated that seventy-five per cent of the total project cost must come from a grant or from a source outside our congregation. In October 2023, New Life submitted an application for a sign project grant from the Antioch Foundation. We received word in January 2024 that our grant request had been denied.

At our annual voter's meeting held on July 14, 2024 the sign project was again discussed by the voters. The voters decided that the conditional approval from 2023 should be modified to include designated offerings from the congregation. And, certainly, the church council will have latitude to allocate funding from other sources.

So, if members wish to help with the sign project through a designated gift, there is now an avenue to do that. Church council will submit a second application for a grant from the Antioch Foundation during the application period from September 15, 2024 through October 15, 2024. Once we receive a response to our grant application in January 2025, the church council will evaluate the project funding and communicate a clear fundraising goal to the congregation.

If you have questions or suggestions pertaining to the sign project, please speak with a church council member.

Mike Spangle, chairman

New Life Lutheran Church

Fall Speaker Series

When: Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 PM

Where: New Life Lutheran Church, 910 S. Old Rand Road, Lake Zurich, IL

Who: Rachel Greiner, Director, Christian Life Resources Bridge Ministries

Topic: **Cultivating Compassion: Raising Kids to Value Life**

Join us for an interactive and practical presentation, "Cultivating Compassion: Raising Kids To Value Life." Discover actionable tips and strategies to foster empathy, kindness, and a pro-life worldview in the children around you. Resources will help you create a nurturing environment that promotes respect for all human life.

Bio: Rachel Greiner strives to live the motto, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." Her pro-life experience and passion for empowering others lead her to speak to groups across the U.S. and in South America. Rachel is Director of CLR Bridge Ministries at Christian Life Resources.



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