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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. 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: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank You for preserving Your holy Church against the very forces of hell. For the gift of the blessed gospel we praise Your name. For the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection from the dead, and life eternal in Christ, we thank You, loving Father. Help us to treasure the rich heritage handed down from our fathers in the faith. Continue to raise up faithful pastors and teachers among us in the spirit of Martin Luther, so that we can carry on Your saving work to the end of time. All glory to Your name! Amen.

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING HYMN CW 201 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

INVOCATION AND RESPONSES

(These responses have a confession and absolution woven through statements from the 95 Theses and Scripture passages.)

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

Congregation: Amen.

P: When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, "Repent," He willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance. *(Thesis 1)*

**C: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to Your unfailing love;
According to Your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin. (Psalm 51:1-2)**

P: Those who believe that they can be certain of their salvation because they have indulgence letters will be eternally condemned, together with their teachers. *(Thesis 32)*

**C: All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written:
“Cursed is everyone who does not continue
to do everything written in the Book of the Law.” (Galatians 3:10)**

P: Any truly repentant Christian has a right to full remission of penalty and guilt, even without indulgence letters. *(Thesis 36)*

**C: Praise the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits—
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases.
He does not treat us as our sins deserve,
or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:2,3,10,12)**

P: Any true Christian, whether living or dead, participates in all the blessings of Christ and the Church. This is given to him by God, even without indulgence letters. *(Thesis 37)*

**C: A righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known,
to which the Law and the Prophets testify.
This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is
no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
and are justified freely by His grace
through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
God presented Him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in His blood. (Romans 3:21-25)**

P: It is vain to trust in salvation by indulgence letters, even though the one selling indulgences, or even the pope, were to offer his soul as security. *(Thesis 52)*

**C: Even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel
other than the one we preached to you,
let him be eternally condemned! (Galatians 1:8)**

P: The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God. *(Thesis 62)*

**C: Therefore, since we have been justified through faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have gained access by faith
into this grace in which we now stand.
And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:1-2)**

P: Christians should be exhorted to be diligent in following Christ, their head, through penalties, death, and hell, and thus be confident of entering into heaven through many tribulations rather than through the false security of peace. (*Theses 94 & 95*)

C: **Rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ,
so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed.
And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ,
after you have suffered a little while,
will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.
To Him be the power forever and ever. Amen.** (*1 Peter 4:13 & 5:10-11*)

SONG OF PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord. (*based on Psalm 46*)

**God is our refuge and our strength, Our ever-present aid,
And therefore, though the earth re-move, We will not be afraid.**

**Though hills amid the seas be cast, Though foaming waters roar,
Yea, though the mighty billows shake The mountains on the shore.**

**Where God abides a river flows; That city will rejoice.
But nations fear and kingdoms shake Before God's thund'ring voice.**

**Since God is in the midst of it, The city walls shall stand,
Secure and safe with God's sure help, When trouble is at hand.** (tune, CW 259)

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P & C: O Lord, in every generation through prophet and preacher, You have called and gathered Your people through Your Word. Raise up faithful voices in our own time who will speak faithfully and forcefully Your Word of truth so that many may come to the knowledge of Your Son, be declared righteous and just by His sacrificial death, and live in the peace of Christ until He comes again in His glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON—1 PETER 5:6-11 (*The temporary suffering of a child of God ends in God restoring, making strong and steadfast.*)

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To Him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. (NIV 2011)

PSALM OF THE DAY—PSALM 46 *(to be sung)*

**The Lord of hosts is with us, the God whom Jacob loved;
Therefore, we will not tremble, though all the earth be moved,
Though mountains quake in tumult, and mighty waves appear.
The Lord of hosts is with us to shelter us from fear!**

**God breaks the spear asunder and causes war to cease.
His voice sounds forth like thunder, that we may live in peace:
“Be still! Bow down! Acknowledge that I alone am Lord,
Exalted in the heavens, by all the earth adored!”**

**God is our mighty Fortress; therefore, let fear be gone.
His blessings flow like waters, as certain as the dawn,
And so, whate’er betide us, our confidence is sure:
The Lord of hosts is with us, and we are safe, secure! (CW 474)**

Please Stand

P: The gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL—MATTHEW 5:10-12 *(Jesus declares those who suffer on account of Him, “Blessed.”)*

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY CW 429 “What God Ordains Is Always Good”

THE SERMON

CONFESSION OF FAITH—Read in unison

(Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, Article III:9-11; Kolb, R., Wengert, T. J., & Arand, C. P. (2000). The Book of Concord: the confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (pp. 563–564). Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press.)

P & C: Regarding the righteousness of faith before God, we unanimously believe, teach, and confess on the basis of the general summary of our Christian faith and confession expressed above that poor sinful people are justified before God, that is, absolved—pronounced free of all sins and of the judgment of the damnation that they deserved and accepted as children and heirs of eternal life—without the least bit of our own “merit or worthiness,” apart from all preceding, present, or subsequent works. We are justified on the basis of sheer grace, because of the sole merit, the entire obedience, and the bitter suffering, death, and the resurrection of our Lord Christ alone, whose obedience is reckoned to us as righteousness.

The Holy Spirit conveys these benefits to us in the promise of the holy gospel. Faith is the only means through which we lay hold of them, accept them, apply them to ourselves, and appropriate them. Faith itself is a gift of God, through which we acknowledge Christ our redeemer in the Word of the gospel and trust in Him. Only because of His obedience does God the Father forgive our sins by grace, regard us as upright and righteous, and give us eternal salvation.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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.

PROPER PREFACE

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; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, reformers and renewers, with Your servant Martin Luther, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *(to be sung)*

Joyful, joyful we adore You, Holy, holy, holy Lord!

Heav'n and earth, yes, all creation Joy and praise to You afford.

Sing we all hosanna, hosanna Unto Christ, Your only Son.

In Your own name He is coming. Our salvation He has won! (tune 169)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew and strengthen us with Your word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(spoken by the Pastor)*

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

C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

**You are giving and forgiving, Lamb of God for sinners slain.
All the world's sin You have taken And in heaven is Your reign.
Mercy show us, mercy give us; Hear us from Your throne above.
Grant Your peace to us poor sinners, Peace for this world in Your love.**

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN CW 536 “Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head”

THE SONG OF SIMEON

**All Your works with joy surround You, And we tell what You have done:
Let each one who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy.
We depart with shouts of gladness. Allelu, alleluia!**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

A REFORMATION BENEDICTION *(From Luther's writings)*

P: Let the Word of God be ever in your heart, on your lips, and in your ears. It always awakens new understanding, pleasure and devotion and purifies the heart and thoughts. When people cling to the Word in this way, our Lord and Savior and the entire heavenly host smile. This is most certainly true!

C: Amen.

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.

CLOSING HYMN “**God’s Word is Our Great Heritage**” *(Also projected on the screen)*

God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations. (CW 293)

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Landenberger

Today—REFORMATION DAY (observed)

Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Monday—Preschool Staff Meeting at 7:00 PM

Thursday—Reformation Day

Friday—All Saints Day

Men’s Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Saturday—DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS—Turn clocks back one hour before going to bed!

Next Sunday— Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School and 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. Thanks to those who have signed up! A new sheet has been posted that runs through December. Please pick a Sunday and sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level and be sure to spend a couple of minutes with fellow believers after church today.

The Bauer family thanks all of those who have provided meals the family and for your continued prayers and support.

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.

The Sunday School and Preschool Children will be singing in our service next Sunday. Please have your child here at 9:15 AM in the fellowship hall to warm-up. It is important for all Sunday School kids to be here and ready to sing!

New Life will once again host recruits from Great Lakes Naval Station on Thanksgiving Day. **Several sign-up sheets** are posted on the dry erase board downstairs. Even if you are unable to attend the event, perhaps you'd like to donate an item for the meal. Sign-up today!

Members of New Life are invited to help distribute Thanksgiving-door hanger-invitations after Bible class at noon on Sunday, November 10. If you can help please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the basement.

Our Faithfulness to God's Word
Last Sunday—51

