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**National Holiday—Veterans’ Day (Observed)  
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*A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entryway 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 entryway. 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 that is wired directly to the fire department. Our ushers have been charged with doing their best to be aware of any danger faced by the congregation.*

*Before Service Prayer:*

God of peace,  
We gather today to remember, honor and pray for,  
All who have served us, through the service of our country in the military.  
In times of peril,  
You called forth courageous and selfless individuals  
To face the dangers of war in the hope of establishing a lasting peace.  
Grant your healing to their injured bodies,  
Grant your peace to their wounded spirits,  
And through our actions and our prayers assist them.  
We ask this confident of your presence in our lives. Amen.

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**INTRODUCTION**

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month of the year 1918, an armistice was signed, ending the “war to end all wars.” November 11 was set aside as Armistice Day in the United States to remember the sacrifices that men and women made during the war in order to ensure a lasting peace. In 1938 Congress voted Armistice Day as a legal holiday, but World War II began the following year. Armistice Day was still observed after the end of the Second World War. In 1953 townspeople in Emporia, Kansas, called the holiday Veterans’ Day in gratitude to the veterans in their town. Soon after, Congress passed a bill renaming the national holiday to Veterans’ Day. Today, in our worship and with our prayers we remember those who have served and serve our country in the armed forces.

**PASTOR’S WELCOME**

*Stand*

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*(Congregation joins in offering their pledge of allegiance to each flag.)*

**Pastor & People: I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life eternal for all who believe.**

**I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.**

*Be seated*

## **OPENING HYMN CW 617 “Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored”**

*Stand*

## **INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES**

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Engrafted into the name of the Holy Trinity,

**People: we are claimed by Christ, in Holy Baptism.**

## **CONFESSION-- Psalm 142** *(A prayer of David, a soldier, when he was in the cave, hiding from Saul.)*

Pastor: With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

**People: Heavenly Father, we come to You today, seeking mercy and forgiveness for all of our sins.**

Pastor: I pour out my complaint before Him; I tell my trouble before Him. When my spirit faints within me, You know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

**People: We come to You seeking strength when we are weary and relief from the traps of sin—its rebellion, arrogance, and disobedience.**

Pastor: Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains for me; no one cares for my soul.

**People: Gracious Father, You alone provide safe haven in the midst of a warring world. Grant us hope and peace for life everlasting amidst strife.**

Pastor: Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me! Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name! The righteous will surround me, for You will deal bountifully with me.

**People: Almighty God, hear our cries for mercy; set us free from the sins that entangle us, and bestow upon us Your bountiful grace and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God has set us free. Jesus says, —If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (*John 8:36*) In dying on the cross and rising again, Jesus Christ has set us free from the bonds of sin, death, and the grave. Therefore, 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.

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE (*sung to “Navy Hymn” tune*)

**In God we trust! Oh, may it be  
Throughout this land of liberty!  
Lord, turn our hearts from guilt and shame  
To bear with joy Your sacred name.  
In ev’ry need, as well they must,  
Our hearts cry out, “In God we trust!”**

**In God we trust! For we have heard  
The news of Your forgiving word,  
The peace for which our Savior died,  
The Spirit’s favors multiplied.  
For ev’ry blessing, true and just  
Thankful we cry, “In God we trust!”**

**In God we trust! Oh, give us grace  
In You our confidence to place,  
To set our hearts on things above,  
To live as agents of Your love,  
To conquer death, to rise from dust,  
To cry anew, “In God we trust!” (*tune CW 517*)**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that Your Church may worship You in peace and joy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*Be seated*

## THE WORD

**THE FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8** (*There is a time for war and a time for peace.*)

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to

keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.”

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Alleluia!

*Stand*

### **GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 24:3-14** *(Until Jesus comes again, there will be wars and rumors of wars.)*

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?”

Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

“Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of Me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**People: Praise be to You, O, Christ. Amen.**

### **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.**

*Be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY     CWS 764 “There Is a Time for Everything”**

**THE SERMON**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we find ourselves wondering how many Americans lie buried under European soil as the result of two World Wars. Then we remember:

**People: Our God knows.**

Pastor: We wonder how many of our dead were left behind in the Pacific, including Korea. Then we remember:

**People: Our God knows.**

Pastor: We ask how many died and are buried in Vietnam, or how many died in the Middle-East. Then we remember:

**People: Our God knows.**

Pastor: We wonder how many veterans are struggling with the aftermath of combat. Then we remember:

**People: Our God knows.**

Pastor: You have asked us to cast all of our care upon You, because You care for us.

**People: This we know.**

Pastor: You have promised never to leave or forsake Your people.

**People: This we know.**

Pastor: You have sent Your Son to rescue us from the powers of darkness and give us life eternal.

**People: This we believe.**

Pastor: You have asked us to follow Your Son, and to serve Him by serving others.

**People: This we want to do.**

Pastor: You have commanded us to pray for our nation.

**People: This we are doing.**

Pastor: We come to You on behalf of all those who have sacrificed to serve our country and continue to do so.

**People: We thank You for providing these people, and pray that their sacrifices be not in vain. Lord God, bless America. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

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

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is good and right so to do.**

Pastor: It is our duty and delight at all times and in all places to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Instead of giving to Your people only the crumbs of Your mercy, You have set a lavish table of grace and mercy before us. And now we bless You that, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we are shown limitless mercy and abiding love through His grace and forgiveness. Therefore, with all the company of heaven we join in the ceaseless hymn and praise Your glorious name singing...

**SANCTUS** (*Latin for "Holy," tune CW 372*)

**O holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven  
In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us,  
Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in Your grace and mercy  
Receive our fervent cry.**

**Hosanna in the highest!  
How truly blest is He  
Who in God's name is coming  
To set His people free!  
He comes to bring salvation  
And with His blood outpoured,  
Deliver us from bondage—  
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we join in praying...

## 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.

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

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

People: Amen.

## AGNUS DEI *(Latin for "Lamb of God,")*



The musical score for Agnus Dei is written in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. It begins in the key of B-flat major and changes to B major for the final section. The lyrics are: 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 - men.

**C** 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 - men.

*Be seated*

## 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

During the distribution the congregation will sing **CWS 785 “O Lord of Nations”**

*Stand*

**NUNC DIMITTIS** (*Latin for “Now Dismiss,” tune CW 372*)

**O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen Your promised  
Incarnate, saving Word—  
A Light that will enlighten  
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory  
Of those in Israel!**

**All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever three in one;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God’s triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

Pastor: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies *that we may live in peace and quietness*, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God the Father,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## THE CLOSING HYMN CW 619 “God Bless Our Native Land”

*(This hymn will be accompanied by Brent Anderson on the Cajon.)*

## SILENT PRAYER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Today**— Choir Practice at 8:45 AM  
**Communion Service at 9:30 AM**  
Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM  
Adopt-A-Sailor Planning Meeting at Noon  
Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

**Tuesday**—Branch Connection at 7:00 PM

**Wednesday**—Men's Bible Class at 11:30 AM  
WLCFS Parenting Seminar at 7:00 PM  
Sunday School Teachers' Meeting at 8:00 PM

**Next Sunday**— **Worship Service at 9:30 AM**  
Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM  
Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Adult Bible class is covering a video series entitled "Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture." Today we will cover lesson ten entitled "Bold Witness: Confidence Drawn from Scripture." Bible class meets in the café at 10:45 AM.

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.

### Reformation Service in Milwaukee

Last Sunday, 16 members of New Life joined members from Abiding Peace in Elgin, Good Shepherd in Downers Grove, Christ the King in Palatine and St. John's in Libertyville, riding together on a bus together to the Southeastern Wisconsin District Reformation Rally in Milwaukee. Over 4,500 people were in attendance and an offering of \$21,500 was given which will be used to support Home Missions.

### Thanksgiving Celebration

New Life's Thanksgiving celebration is a two-day celebration. Thanksgiving Eve service will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 22 with a stone soup supper following. Adopt-a-Sailor will take place on Thanksgiving Day, November 23. New Life has requested 28 sailors from Great Lakes Naval Station. Please see the sign-up sheets in the basement.

### Upper Parking Lot Replacement

One of the facets of responsible Stewardship is the careful care of the gifts which God has provided us. As has been noted, the upper parking lot is nearing the end of its useful service life, and it is no longer cost-effective to continue patching it every year. The congregation approved the repaving project at the July 2017 Voter's meeting, and the Church Council has set a target of September 2018 to raise the necessary funds. Estimates we have received range from \$35-40,000 to grind off the top layer and resurface to over \$60,000 to tear it down to the gravel and completely rebuild.

The cost of this project is outside of our operating budget. The Council approved a motion to establish a separate "Parking Lot Fund" for donations to the project. Envelopes for this will be included in next year's offering packet, but there's no need to wait for these. Simply mark your check or envelope "Parking Lot" so our Treasurer can deposit it to the correct account. Gifts to replace the parking lot will need to be "above and beyond" normal gifts given to Christ.

This is, understandably, a huge undertaking. God has richly blessed similar efforts in the past, notably with our Debt Reduction and Building Fund campaigns, and we pray He will bless us as we embark on this one."

--John Lester, Stewardship

**Our Faithfulness to God's Word Last Sunday—60**

### **Fall WLCFS Educational Presentations— New Life Fall Parenting Series**

New Life will once again host parenting seminars presented by counselors from WLCFS. Each of the three seminars will begin at 7:00 PM. There is no cost or obligation to attend. Here's a look at the upcoming topic for November:



**You've Got a Friend in Me—**

**Wednesday, November 15th at 7:00 PM**



