

in the beginning  
was *the Word,*

and the Word was  
*with* God,

and the Word  
was *God*

John 1:1 ♦ NIV



# ***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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## **Beautiful Truth—Stewardship Sunday #2 Steward the Truth as Shared Humanity November 10, 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.

*Before Service Prayer:* All things we have come from and belong to You, O God. Guide us, therefore, to use all we have to the glory of Your name and for the good of Your kingdom. Take our hearts and fill them with Your love; take our lips and move them to speak the truth of Jesus; take our lives and use them to serve in Your church. Move us by the Spirit of Jesus, to do what is needed to spread the gospel of Jesus worldwide for His name's sake. Amen.

*Today's Service:* "Divine Service II" from CWS, NPH, reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-800156 and under CCLI license #11327771.

*Today's Theme:* **Steward the Truth as Shared Humanity**

Christian truth speaks to all people across time and distance. Whereas many popular perspectives on humanity view human beings as ever improving and advancing, Scripture presents a vision that's at once more *broken* and more *beautiful* than any of those perspectives. It shows us a common humanity with a common problem and a common solution. It reveals a truth that spans generations and geography. It teaches us about a shared humanity. Recognizing this shared humanity, and being able to evangelically discuss it, is critical to being a steward of the truth.

*Pastor's Welcome*

*Opening Hymn:* **CW 549** "Across the Lands"

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**C: Amen.**

Confession

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from Your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me for the sake of Jesus.**

Absolution

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In His great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through His called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Lord Have Mercy

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

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from You all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the spread of Your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in You, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await Your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for You.

**C: Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**All glory be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise You for Your peace and grace, Your favor toward our fallen race.**

**Our grateful thanks to You we bring, For Your great glory, heav'nly King,  
For all, O Father, You have done Through Jesus Christ, Your only Son.**

**O Lamb of God, to You we pray. You take all human sin away.  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer; From God's right hand, Your mercy share.**

**You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone; The Father's glory You made known.  
We by Your Spirit sing again: "All glory be to God!" Amen.**

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O merciful Creator, Your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for Your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the richness of Your grace, may be faithful stewards of all Your good gifts, especially the gift of Your saving truth; through Your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

The First Lesson: **Hebrews 2:14-18**--Christ has shared in our dying humanity to redeem us from the fear of death.

<sup>14</sup> Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—<sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels He helps, but Abraham's descendants. <sup>17</sup> For this reason He had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that He might make atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted. (NIV 2011)

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation:* Alleluia! “Christ Jesus has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” Alleluia! (2 Timothy 1:10)

**C** Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the

mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Stand*

*The Gospel Lesson:* **John 1:1-14**—The Son of God became flesh and revealed the Father in grace and truth.

P: The Gospel according to Saint John, the first chapter.

C: **Glory be to You, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (NIV 2011)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

Hymn of the Day: CW 914 “Christ is Our Cornerstone” (CW93 528)

The Sermon

Confession of Faith: **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.**

The 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 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 good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who mercifully revealed Yourself and Your saving plan in the pages of Holy Scripture, so that all humanity might understand our fallen condition and ultimately embrace the Savior we all need, the One who shared in our humanity to destroy the one who has kept humanity in terror over the fear of death. 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

**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! (CW93 130)**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great act of love through which He has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By His incarnation, He became one with us.  
By His perfect life, He fulfilled Your holy will.  
By His innocent death, He overcame hell.  
By His rising from the grave, He opened heaven.

Invited by Your grace and instructed by Your word, we approach Your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with Him and all His ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

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.**

Words of Institution (spoken by the pastor)

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

C: Amen.

Lamb of God

**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.



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 661** “Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord” (CW93 309)

Song of Simeon

**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. (CW93 614)**

Prayer

P: We give You thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that You have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift You have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By Your Spirit help us to live as Your holy people until that day when You will receive us as Your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Blessing

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.**

The Closing Hymn: **CW 927** “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” (CW93 578)

<b>Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week</b>
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Cleaning this week: Dressel

**Today**—“Steward the Truth as Shared Humanity” Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

**Monday**—Veterans Day

**Tuesday**—Early Childhood Committee Meeting at 3:15 PM

Branch Connection Ladies Group Meeting 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**—"Steward the Truth as Freedom from Deception" 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 October 2024 through January 2025.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School is learning a song for Advent Fest on December 8 as well as learning the Christmas Eve Service. The Sunday school story for today is “Ahab and Jezebell.”

### **ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

Today, adult Bible class will cover John 15:1-17 “The Vine and the Branches.” Adult Bible Class begins at 10:45 AM in the New Life Café and ends at 11:45 AM.

### **ADOPT-A-SAILOR**

New Life will once again host 28 Naval Recruits from Great Lakes Naval Station on Thanksgiving Day. There are several sign-up sheets located on the bulletin board downstairs which you can use to indicate your participation in this annual event.

### **STEWARDSHIP ON “BEAUTIFUL TRUTH” IN NOVEMBER**

Next Sunday we will focus on our responsibility to “Steward the Truth as Freedom from Deception.” The deception of sin hurts and enslaves. Christ’s truth brings freedom and life.

### **BRANCH CONNECTION LADIES GROUP**

The Branch Connection will once again be partnering with Shoreland Lutheran’s Students for Life to benefit 2 Christians for Life Resource Centers. We will be selling homemade cookies and bars at the Shoreland Craft Fair in Somers, WI on November 23rd. If you would like to bake for it or help at the fair, please talk to Kelly Daugherty.

The November Branch Connection meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at 4:30 PM. All the ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

### **GREEN TEAM**

This Thursday the Green Team will meet and cover the three branches of the United States Government. Green Team begins at 6:30 PM and ends at 8:00 PM.

# November Fall Speaker Series

Who: Susan Fink, WELS author of children's books

When: Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: New Life Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Susan Fink will make a presentation to preschool parents and members of New Life on the subject of "self-care" for kids. Susan is the author of a couple of children's books on the subject.

