

*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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**Sixth Sunday After Easter
Confirmation Sunday
May 6, 2018**

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: Lord Jesus, when You were age twelve, you benefitted from the teachings of a rabbi in Nazareth and underwent confirmation call Bar Mitzvah. After that rite of passage, You were regarded as an adult member of the religious community and traveled with Mary and Joseph to Jerusalem for the Passover. Bless our three confirmands who today are confirmed in the faith. Grant that this day they may regard their confirmation as part of a lifelong journey of growing in Your grace and the knowledge of salvation. Let these three always rejoice in the grown-up privileges that will be theirs as adult, confirmed members of this congregation. Amen.

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Today's Theme: *Youngest, but, by no means least.*

Pastor's Welcome

Our Confirmands: Lauren Dressel, Dayna Dressel and Kailyn Dundore

Opening Hymn: **CW 596 "Let Me Be Yours Forever"**

Invocation

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.

Confession of Sins

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

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

The soloist will sing the refrain once, the congregation will sing the refrain once, the soloist will sing the verses and the congregation will sing the refrain two times as indicated throughout the song.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 1: You are God; we praise You. You are Lord; we acclaim You. You are God eternal; all creation worships You. **Refrain (sung twice)**

Verse 2: All the angels in the heavens chant Your praise in endless song! Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might. **Refrain (sung twice)**

Verse 3: The apostles all praise You. All the prophets acclaim You. All the martyrs and Your faithful people worship You. **Refrain (sung twice)**

Verse 4: God, Creator, we praise You. Jesus the Christ, we adore You. Spirit of the Living God, we worship You. **Refrain (sung twice)**

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

Heavenly Father, Your Son took on flesh and came into this world as a child and while here, welcomed children and praised their faith; grant that our confirmands, by their knowledge of Your saving word and their confidence in salvation, may always conduct themselves beyond their years, displaying boldness and courage as they live for You. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

The First Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:6-13 (God chose the youngest.)

⁶When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”

⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him.

The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” ⁹Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.”¹⁰Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” ¹¹So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

¹²So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

¹³So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah. (NIV 2011)



Psalm of the Day: Psalm 16

Refrain

I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,
in the land of the liv - ing.

Psalm tone

Keep me 'safe, O God,*
for in You I take 'refuge.
I said to the Lord, "You 'are my Lord;*"
apart from You I have 'no good thing."
I have set the Lord always be'fore me.*
Because He is at my right hand, I will not be 'shaken.

Refrain

My heart is glad and my tongue re'joices;*
my body also will 'rest secure,
because You will not abandon me 'to the grave,*
nor will You let Your Holy One 'see decay.
You have made known to me the 'path of life;*
You will fill me with joy in Your 'presence.

**Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son*
and to the Holy 'Spirit,
as it was in the be'ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.**

Refrain

The Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 4:6-12 (*Timothy should allow himself to be looked down upon because he was young.*)

⁶ If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. ⁷ Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. ⁸ For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. ⁹ This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. ¹⁰ That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

¹¹ Command and teach these things. ¹² Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. (NIV 2011)

The Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.
(Jeremiah 15:15 cf. RSV)



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!

The Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 18:1-6** (*The youngest of believers are not to be despised.*)

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”
²He called a little child to Him and placed the child among them. ³And He said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵And whoever welcomes one such child in My name welcomes Me.

⁶“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in Me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. (NIV 2011)

Hymn of the Day: **CWS 784 “O Gracious Lord, With Love Draw Near”**

The Sermon Text: **1 Samuel 17:37**

³⁷The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go, and the LORD be with you.” (NIV 2011)

Hymn Version of the 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—“How Great Thou Art”-- Played by New Life's Tone Chime Choir

The Prayer of the Church

Responsive Prayer

P: Gracious Father, You have adopted these young people through baptism and anointed them with Your Holy Spirit. Renew and strengthen them by that same Spirit so that they may continue to grow in faith and boldly confess you before others. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Move them to faithfully hear Your holy word and joyfully receive Your sacrament that they may again and again be assured of Your gracious love and forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Give them the sincere desire to die each day to sin and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Lord in Your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Clothe Lauren, Dayna and Kailyn with kindness, humility and patience of Christ and grant that they may live at peace with all the members of Christ's body. Lord in Your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Protect them from the powers of evil and give them the weapons to fight against the devil. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Keep them faithful, so that they may inherit eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we join in praying...

C: 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.

The Rite of Confirmation

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

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 597 "May God the Father of Our Lord"

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: LaPlante

Today— Confirmation Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:45 AM

NO Confirmation Class

Monday – Wednesday—Joint Pastor's Conference in Cincinnati, OH

Tuesday—Branch Connection at 7:00 PM

Thursday—*Ascension Day (40 days after Jesus' resurrection from the dead)*

Friday—Men's Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Next Sunday—*Mother's Day*

Breakfast at 8:15 AM

Communion Service (Ascension Day Observed) at 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:45 AM

NO Confirmation Class

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. A NEW SIGN-UP SHEET HAS BEEN POSTED FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS! Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level.

Next Sunday, the Church Council will be serving breakfast at 8:15 AM in honor of Mother's Day. What a great opportunity to spend some fellowship time with fellow members and friends of New Life. Plan to attend! The members of the church council will also be competing in a kitchen attire fashion show during the breakfast.

On Sunday, May 20th, New Life will once again clean up our stretch of Long Grove Road through Lake County's Adopt-a-Highway program. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board downstairs if you are able to help. Lunch will be served before heading out.

On Friday, April 20, an inch-thick licensing application was submitted to the DCFS to get our preschool program licensed as a group day care center. Part of the application process was to make sure that our building was safe from Radon, which, according to the test results, it is. Soon, DCFS will inform us if all the required information has been submitted to their satisfaction and assign a licensing specialist to walk us through the process.

A CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) class will be offered at New Life on June 2, from 8:00 AM until noon. Knowing CPR and being certified is valuable for every walk of life. If you'd like to attend, PLEASE SIGN-UP BY TODAY on the sign-up sheet downstairs. The cost for the class is \$35.00 per person.

PARKING LOT UPDATE

"A parking lot seems like such a superficial thing –we don't even consciously think about it unless a pothole has eaten one of our wheels up to the axle when we drive in. But it matters to the people who drive by. Every Sunday I drive past a church with weed-choked parking and paint peeling off the building in long strips and a faded sign by the road that says, 'Join us for worship!' but the condition of their property would more likely repel a visitor than invite a visitor.

New Life has been richly blessed with a beautiful facility (and parking lot). Our congregation has worked hard to make an inviting - and welcoming – place to worship. I am happy to report that we are just short of halfway to our goal for making our parking lot even more enticing to passersby through rehabbing the north end. (it works out to 22 cars on the sign by the café).

Our Property Chairman is negotiating strenuously with a number of contractors to strike a deal that fits our needs and theirs – while still enabling us to put as much of our blessings back into outreach / evangelism as possible. We still have 5 months to meet – or exceed – our goal. Please keep that in mind as we enter the busy summer months."

-- John Lester, Stewardship Chairman

<p style="text-align: center;">Our Faithfulness to God's Word Last Sunday: 61</p>
