



New Life Ev. Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany **February 9, 2025**

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.

<p><u>Before Service Prayer:</u> In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. Into Your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen. <i>(Luther's Morning Prayer)</i></p>
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Today's Theme: **THE LEAST QUALIFIED ARE THE FIRST SENT**

Imagine you need heart bypass surgery. When meeting with the surgeon, you ask, "How many of these have you done?" He responds, "You get the honor of being my very first patient!" You probably feel more anxious than honored. With important jobs, we understand it is crucial that the person doing that job is well-qualified.

There is no more important job than sharing the good news of salvation with others. So, you would expect Jesus would only give that job to those most qualified, like the angels or Bible scholars. Nope. The least qualified are the first sent. In love, Jesus prepares and equips us to speak on His behalf. How? He draws unworthy sinners into His presence to provide us with the free gift of holiness that we lack. Once cleansed, we jump at the opportunity to be the ones through whom God does the same for others. Here is this week's epiphany moment. Let this be a crucial epiphany moment! You might think you are unqualified to share the gospel with those Christ brings into your sphere of influence. But the least qualified are the first sent.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 438 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” (CW93 195)

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.

Opening Sentences Psalm 71:12, 17–18

P: Do not be far from me, my God;

C: come quickly, God, to help me.

P: Since my youth, God, You have taught me,

C: and to this day I declare Your marvelous deeds.

P: Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God,

C: till I declare Your power to the next generation, Your mighty acts to all who are to come.

Confession and Absolution Luke 5:8; Isaiah 6:5, 7

P: Seeing Jesus’ power, Peter blurted out, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!”

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we have failed in thoughts, words, and deeds; we are sinful people.

P: Isaiah cried, “Woe to me!” I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips.”

C: We confess, Lord Jesus, that we have sinned even in our speaking and doing; we deserve to have You depart from us.

P: Despite their failures, Isaiah was inspired to write parts of the Bible and Peter led the disciples. By the grace of God, Jesus died and rose for you. As the angel told Isaiah, “Your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” 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.

C: Amen. Help us, Lord Jesus, to follow, calm and fearless, till our rest is won.

The Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all Your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from Your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For the well-being of Your holy church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by Your power and keep us in Your tender care.

C: Amen.

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; His name is worthy of praise!



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,




but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



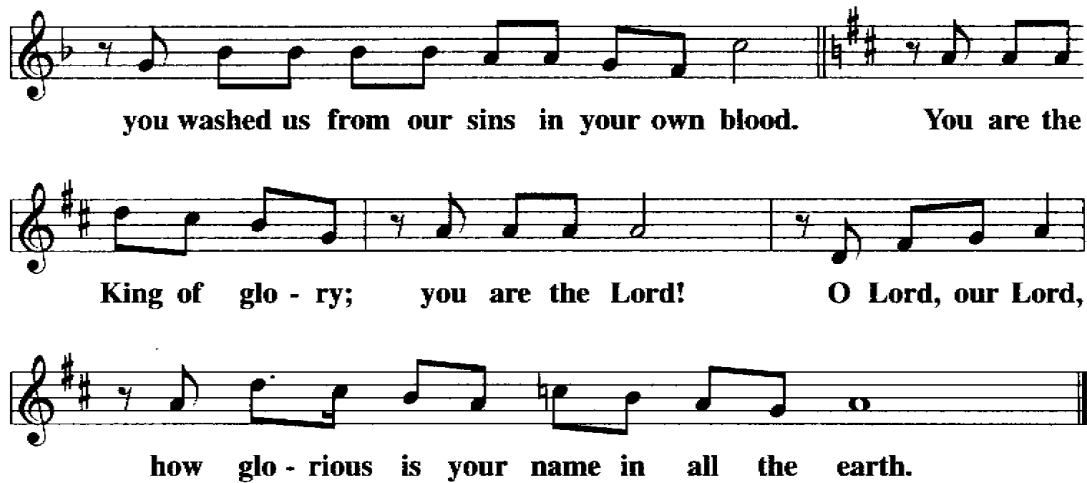
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You have given us Your Son to die and rise for us and our salvation. Grant us such strong faith in Him that we may follow wherever He leads; 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.**

The First Lesson: **Isaiah 6:1-8** – Isaiah admitted he was sinfully unclean, unqualified to stand in God’s presence. The LORD not only takes Isaiah’s sin away but also sends Isaiah out as a messenger of grace.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of His robe filled the temple. ² Above Him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
 the whole earth is full of His glory.”

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for Us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (NIV 2011)

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: 67e (From Christian Worship Psalter, to the tune of Thaxted, CWS 728)

**O God, show us Your mercy and bless us with Your grace;
And cause to shine upon us the brightness of Your face,
That so Your way most holy on earth may soon be known,
And unto ev'ry people Your saving grace be shown.
Let all the peoples praise You, let all the nations sing;
In ev'ry land let praises and songs of gladness ring.**

**For You will judge the peoples in truth and righteousness,
You rule of perfect justice all nations will confess.
Let all the peoples praise You, let all the nations sing;
Then earth in rich abundance to us its fruit shall bring.
The Lord our God will bless us, His richest blessing send,
And all creation praise Him to earth's remotest end.**

The Second Lesson: **Romans 10:12-17** – God's plan is to equip saved sinners like us to proclaim salvation to other sinners. St. Paul explains that God has no backup plan.

¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

¹⁶ But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" ¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. (NIV 2011)

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

P: Alleluia. My mouth will tell of Your righteous deeds, of Your saving acts all day long—though I know not how to relate them all. Alleluia. (Psalm 71:15)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

Gospel Lesson: **Luke 5:1-11** – Jesus takes simple, self-admittedly sinful fishermen, seemingly unqualified for gospel ministry. He removes their fears, calls them to follow, and makes them fishers of men.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.

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

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around Him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then He sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because You say so, I will let down the nets."

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him. (NIV 2011)

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: **Praise be to You O Christ!**

Hymn of the Day: CW 745 “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying” (CW93 573)

Sermon

Confession of Faith

The Third Article and Luther’s Meaning

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him, but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

P: In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me all believers.

P: On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

C: This is most certainly true.

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.



Prayer of the Church

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.

The Sacrament

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.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who showed us Your love and called His disciples and us to follow where He has led the way. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son to save us. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by His death on the cross.

Strengthen us by this Sacrament that we may continue the work He has given us in finding others that they may gather together with us at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom. 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.

Words of Institution (Spoken by the Pastor.)

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

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

(The words of the Sanctus come from today's first lesson.)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, 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.

The Distribution Hymn: CW 716 “O Christ, Who Called the Twelve” (CWS 770)

Thank the Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us by it to follow our Savior to whomever we meet, "catching" them with His gracious Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Blessing

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 743 vs. 5 "I Hear the Savior Calling" (CW93 560)

**I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency; each moment souls are dying, soon comes eternity.
And so, my precious Savior, this is my humble plea: prepare me for my mission, for You are calling me!**

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: James

Today—Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible class at 10:45 AM

No Confirmation Class (Superbowl Sunday)

Monday—Church Council at 7:00 PM

Tuesday—Ladies Night Out at Beelow's in Lake Zurich at 6:00 PM

Wednesday—Tone Chime Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 PM

Thursday—Green Team at 6:30 PM

Friday—Valentine's Day

Men's Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Next Sunday—Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany 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 December 2024 through March 2025.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Today, the Sunday school kids will cover the Bible story "The Young Man of Nain," and the adult Bible class will continue John chapter 22 which tells us about Jesus appearing to His disciples on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, giving them the second great catch of fish.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of Sunday, February 2nd we have received \$145,645 in offerings for the current fiscal year. This places us \$3,654 ahead of the budget, which is a \$22,088 improvement compared to the previous week.

This week's improvement was possible through the generous gift of a donor to support the Lord's work here at New Life. Let their gift serve as a reminder and inspiration of the joyful attitude we should all have in our gifts to the Lord.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The Branch Connection will host a "ladies night out" this coming Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM at Beelow's Steak House in Lake Zurich. The women of the congregation are invited to attend. Beelow's is located at 763 S Rand Rd, Lake Zurich, IL 60047.

