

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany **January 30, 2022**

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.

<p><i><u>Before Service Prayer:</u> Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of Your majesty to help and defend us; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.</i></p>

Today's Service: Morning Praise, NPH; used with permission under the OneLicense.net copyright agreement #A-800156. The service is a revision of the historic Order of Matins. Matins (comes from the Latin matutinus meaning "of the morning") was the monastic service marking the beginning of the new day. In Morning Praise we sing back to God the message He has given us in His word.

THEME FOR THE SERVICE

Last week, the crowd in Nazareth wanted to throw Jesus from a cliff. This week, the people in Capernaum want to keep Jesus to themselves. Whether hated or adored, Jesus does what He was sent to do, to "Proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God."

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING HYMN CW 375 "Arise and Shine in Splendor"

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *John 1:10–12*

P: Jesus Christ was in the world, and the world was made through Him,
C: **yet the world did not know Him.**

P: He came to His own,
C: **and His own people did not receive Him.**

P: But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name,
C: **He gave the right to become children of God.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 1:14*

P: God has come to us to make us His own children. Let us confess our sins of unbelief that He may give us faith to receive Him and His love.

C: **O God, we confess that we have ignored Your voice and Spirit by choosing to go our own way. Without You, we are lost and confused and without hope. Without You, we do not know love. Come now to us and forgive our waywardness and weakness. Give us Your gifts of faith, hope, and love. Receive us again into the family of Your redeemed. Amen.**

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

DIALOGUE FOR MORNING PRAISE

P: O Lord, open my lips.
C: **And my mouth shall declare Your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God.
C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

P: In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;
C: **in the morning I lay my requests before You and wait in expectation.**

P: I will exalt You, my God the King;
C: **I will praise Your name forever and ever.**

P: Every day I will praise You.
C: **and extol Your name forever and ever.**

P: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
C: **Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me.**

P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
C: **May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

(We sing words from Psalm 95 in a song called the "Venite." Please sing whatever part / parts you are comfortable singing.)



Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!



Shout to the rock of our sal - va - tion!



Come, let us greet him with a song of praise, for



great is our God, the King of all kings!



Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Let us bow down and worship the Lord;

Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

For this is our God whose people we are:

Women: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Men: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Refrain

Great is the Lord and worthy of praise:

Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Sing to the Lord and bless His name:

Women: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Men: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Refrain

All that has life and breath shall rejoice:

Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

The great and the small, all creatures of God:

Women: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Men: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Refrain

Heaven and earth, rejoice in His name:

Come let us sing with joy to the Lord!

He governs the world with justice and truth:

Women: Come let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Men: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Final Refrain

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 1:4-10 *(The call of Jeremiah the prophet.)*

⁴ The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

⁶ "Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young."

⁷ But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.

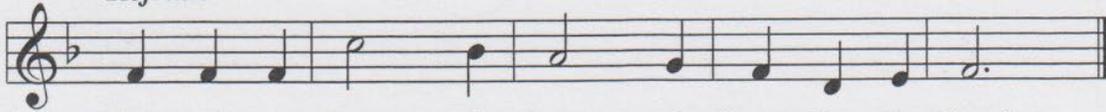
⁹ Then the LORD reached out His hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put My words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant." (NIV 2011)

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

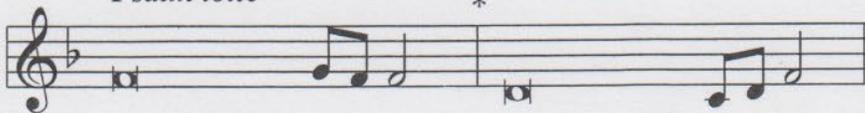
PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 71 (*The Psalmist sings of the saving work of the Lord through every stage of life.*)

Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;*
let me never be put to shame.

Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;*
turn your ear to me and save me.

Be my rock of refuge to which I can always go;*
for you are my rock and my fortress.

Refrain

Since my youth, O God, you have taught me,*
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

Even when I am old and gray,*
do not forsake me, O God,

till I declare your power to the next generation,*
your might to all who are to come.

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

Refrain

EPISTLE 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (*Paul instructs the young pastor Timothy “preach the word.”*)

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of His appearing and His kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. (NIV 2011)

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOPSEL ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia. I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God, because that is why I was sent. Alleluia.
(*Luke 4:43*)

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 4:38-44 (*Jesus proclaims the good news of the kingdom in Capernaum.*)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁸ Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. ³⁹ So He bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

⁴⁰ At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying His hands on each one, He healed them. ⁴¹ Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But He rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew He was the Messiah.

⁴² At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for Him and when they came to where He was, they tried to keep Him from leaving them. ⁴³ But He said, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.” ⁴⁴ And He kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea. (NIV 2011)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY CW 901 “O Christians, Haste”

THE SERMON

CATECHISM Third Article of the Apostle’s Creed and Luther’s Explanation

P: Now is the day of salvation because the Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts, and we are ready to hear the Gospel. Let us confess the work of the Spirit in the explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed.

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.

What does this mean?

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.

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.

In this Christian Church He daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

OFFERINGS

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 KYRIE

P: In the morning, O Lord, I call to You; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, asking that the *Lord, have mercy.*

P: For all those afflicted by the demonic and every force of darkness, whether open or hidden, that they would be released by Christ, whom even the demons obey; for our brotherhood throughout the world who suffer for Christ's sake, that they may have courage, faith, peace and relief; and for God's children everywhere, that He would hold them in His care, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the holy ministry, that Christ who taught with authority may be at work now to forgive sins, strengthen faith and empower lives of good works; and that the people of this world would see His love in us, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the forgiveness of sins, especially those false acts that cannot pass for real love; that God would enable us to reflect His love, which is patient and kind, does not envy or boast, is not arrogant or rude, and does not insist on its own way; and that His Spirit would fill our lives with good works that truly care for others, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: In thanksgiving for the gift of marriage and family; and that He would make all husbands and wives a picture of Christ's ceaseless love for His Bride, the Church, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our nation and its governors and leaders, that God would preserve them; and for the confidence that comes from the Word of our Lord's mouth, which stands over nations and over kingdoms, that we may not be dismayed as citizens in this world or as citizens of His eternal kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the afflicted, *especially Sandy Dall as she begins cancer treatment*, that the Lord would not forget them, but arise to hear their desires and strengthen their hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: In thanksgiving for all who have lived and died with faith in Christ and now rest in His presence; and for all who commune this day, that we may be united with Christ and with those saints as we eat and drink His life-giving body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us praise the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who made us; the Son, who saved us; and the Spirit, who has worked faith in our hearts—be upon you, this day and always.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN CW 908 “Go Forth and Preach the Gospel”

<h2>Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week</h2>

Cleaning this Week:

Today—The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School 10:45 AM

Adult Bible Class 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class 6:00 PM

Monday—Executive Board meeting at 6:45 PM

Church Council meeting at 7:00 PM

Friday—Men’s Bible Class at 11:30 AM

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

Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP

A new fellowship sheet has been posted. If you’d like to bring something to eat and drink after the service on Sunday, use the sign-up sheet to reserve a Sunday.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

A preschool open house is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. If you know of any parents in the community who have preschool aged children, please encourage them to attend the open house.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

The Sunday morning Bible class will start using a series of studies that goes together with a video series called “The Chosen.” Today, the first lesson will take a different look at the wedding at Cana in Galilee where Jesus’ performed his first miracle.

BRANCH CONNECTION

The Branch Connection’s next meeting will be held on February 8 at 4:30 PM. The Branch Connection is planning on having a pizza party and a work meeting. The Branch Connection will go through all of the plastic tubs found around the building, toss whatever isn’t needed and organize the rest. A sign-up sheet has been posted so you can indicate if you are coming to this event.

BOWLING

The Fellowship Committee usually plans a bowling outing for the Sunday before Super Bowl Sunday. Due to the latest outbreak of Covid, the bowling outing has been rescheduled for one year from now.

COCO!

Congratulations to Coco. Her popsicle trestle bridge proved to be the strongest Thursday night at Green Team.