

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church

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...rooted in the word, growing in faith, reaching out to our uprooted world.

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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. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

Before Service Prayer:

Grant us grace to see You, Lord,
Mirrored in Your holy Word,
May our lives and all we do
Imitate and honor You
That we all like You may be
At Your great Epiphany
And may praise You, ever blest,
God in man made manifest. (CW 82 vs. 5)

Today's Service: *Service of Word and Sacrament, NPH; used with permission under the OneLicense.net copyright agreement #A-800156.*

Today's Theme: *The Savior's Sermon: Let your light shine! Jesus tells us: You are...so be. You are the light of the world, so be light for the earth. You are the salt of the earth, so be salt for it. Our calling as sons of God means our lives will reflect our new status, and the world around us will be blessed by us. The Church prays today that God would help us believe and then do the things that are pleasing in His sight (Prayer of the Day).*

Seminary Student's Welcome

Opening Hymn: **CW 394 "Blessed Are the Saints of God"**

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

P: Blessed are those who fear the Lord,
C: **who greatly delight in His commandments.**

P: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright.
C: **God is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

P: You are the light of the world,
C: **a city on a hill that cannot be hidden.**

P: Let your light shine that others may see and give glory to God.

Confession and Absolution

P: Jesus does indeed call us the light of the world and tells us to let our light shine, but there have been times when we have hidden our light. There have been times when we could have shared our light with others, but we refused to do so for fear of rejection. Though we are the light of the world, we sometimes choose darkness instead of light. But we come before our heavenly Father to ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P: Heavenly Father,
C: **we confess that we have not always walked in Your light. We have hidden Your light from others. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and our weakness. Illumine and energize us once again to shine Your light to the ends of the earth.**

P: Even though we fail to act as the light of the world, Jesus never failed to shine His light. For our sins, Jesus, the light of the world was extinguished on the cross, yet He is risen from the dead never to die again. Because of His death and resurrection, darkness flees and sins are forgiven. As a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen. We are the light of the world. We are forgiven in Christ.**

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.



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.



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 mer - cy.

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



C: A - men.

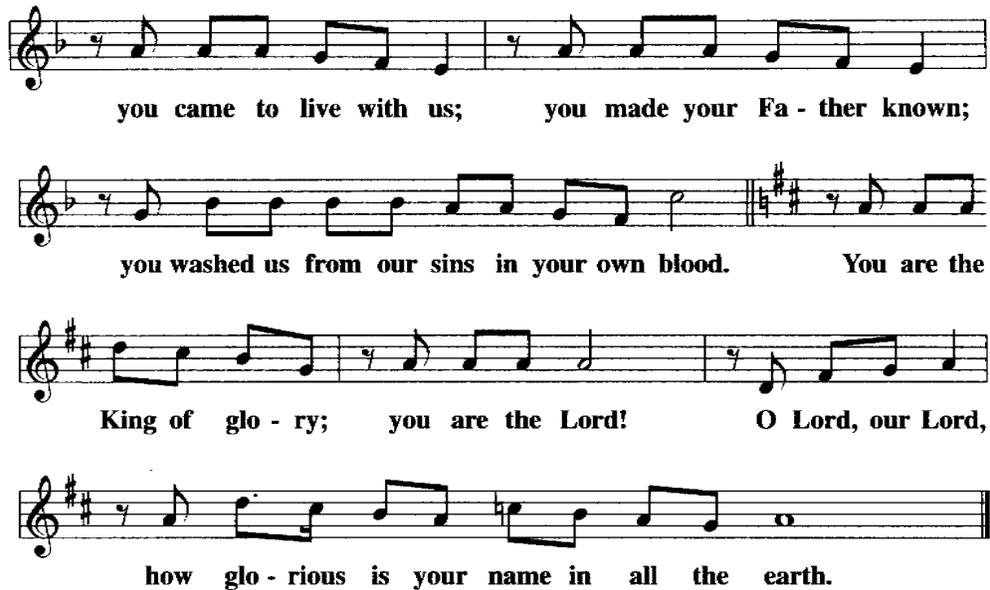
P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; His name is worthy of praise!



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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You sent Your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about Him and do the things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

The First Lesson: 1 PETER 2:9-12 (The call of God made us part of a new people in order that we might declare His praises. Peter tells us to live lives that are different from the world around us—as different as light is to darkness. Called out of the darkness, we live in this world like foreigners who know that this is not our home. Strangers to the world, we abstain from sin and live such good lives that even the pagans will have to give God glory for His work in our lives. Called into the wonderful light, we let that shine on everyone around us.)

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us. (NIV 2011)

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” Alleluia. (John 8:12)



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!

Stand

Gospel Lesson: MATTHEW 5:13-20 (Jesus' sermon moves from the promises of the Beatitudes to His commands for the Christian life. The Christians blessed by Christ are called to be blessings to the world around us. You are salt, Christ says, so be it: act as the preservative that keeps this word from rotting. You are light, so be it: shine into the darkness of the world that people might see and know how different you are. The message of grace is not a message of antinomianism. Jesus did not come to abolish the Law, but to fulfill it—first for us, and then in us. Our righteousness could never be enough—even if we could keep the 613 laws of the Pharisees—but Jesus' righteousness is. Now He commands our light to shine that our deeds might give evidence of our faith to the praise of God the Father who created us to do them.)

¹³“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: CWS 774 “Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

Sermon Text: **Mark 4:35-41**

³⁵That day when evening came, He said to His disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” ³⁶Leaving the crowd behind, they took Him along, just as He was, in the boat. There were also other boats with Him. ³⁷A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

³⁹He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰He said to His disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

⁴¹They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!” (NIV 2011)

Sermon Theme: **Jesus Directs the Storms of Life**

Stand

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

The Offering

Stand

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 al - so 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; for He is the light of the world and scatters the darkness, and He has called upon us to reflect His light and share His compassion with others. 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



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.

Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

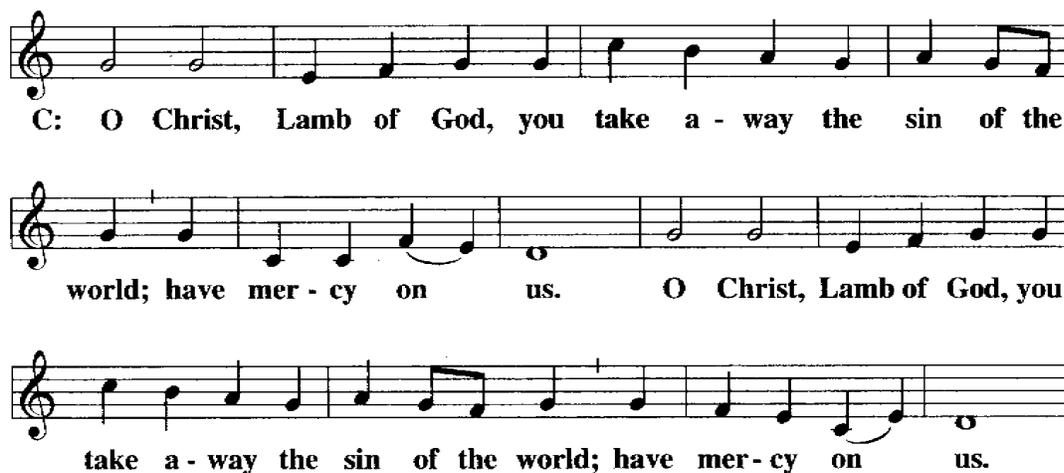
Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God



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.

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.

The Distribution Hymn:

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our
2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his sa -
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dread an -
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal vic -
vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love
flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight;
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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 sent Jesus to be our light and our salvation. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us in this Sacrament and empower us to walk in Your light; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Announcements

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

Today— Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School, Adult Bible Class at 10:45 AM
NO Confirmation Class

Tuesday—LADIES NIGHT OUT at Lazy Dog at 6:30 PM

Church Council at 7:00 PM

Thursday--GREEN TEAM from 6:30-8:00 PM

Friday—Men's Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Sunday— Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:45 AM
Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Thanks to Joel Prange for serving as our guest preacher today. Joel is a Middler (second year student) at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Joel will give a discussion about life at WLS during the Bible Class slot this morning. Pastor and Rachel will be returning to town tomorrow.

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. A new sheet has been posted for the new year. Thanks to those who have signed up. Today, let's fill up February!

The Branch Connection will be hosting a "Ladies Night Out" at the Lazy Dog Restaurant in Vernon Hills on Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30 PM. The Lazy Dog is located on the east side of Milwaukee Avenue just north of the intersection of Hwy. 60 and Milwaukee Ave. Sign up on the sheet downstairs and plan to spend an enjoyable evening with other ladies of New Life.

Thank you to Lori Dundore, Rachel Andrews and Holly LaPlante for helping with the Preschool Open House this past Wednesday.

A Lenten Meal sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board downstairs. Thrivent monies are available to purchase food, just need people to host the supper. Sign up today!

