

**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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**Third Sunday after the Epiphany
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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.

Before Service Prayer: Blessed Jesus, long ago, the men whom You called to be full time disciples showed their willingness to follow You by leaving behind their fishing nets. My desire today, dear Jesus, is to show what is in my heart by my words and actions, knowing that what really matters is my relationship with You. You know what's in my heart. Give me the grace needed to show You and others what is found there. And if what is found there is impure and defiled, then do what is needed: "Create in me a clean heart, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within me." Amen.

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Theme for Today's Service: Jesus appears as the light that shines in the darkness. Dark places remain covered in the shadow of sin and unbelief. Now there are, however, bright places, too, and there you find God's children. Jesus shines His light by preaching repentance and the good news of the nearing kingdom, and He invites us to follow Him to a life illumined by Him.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 569 “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

After each of the prayers are sung by the first soloist, the second soloist will sing the first half of the response and the congregation will repeat what has just been sung. Kyrie (or Christe) eleison means, Lord, have mercy.

- Soloist:
- 1) Lord Jesus, You raise us to new life:
 - 2) Lord Jesus, You forgive us our sins:
 - 3) Lord Jesus, You feed us with Your body and blood:



1. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,
2. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,
3. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,



All
Ky - ri - e. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e -
Chri - ste. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, e -
Ky - ri - e. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e -



le - i - son, Ky - ri - e.
le - i - son, Chri - ste.
le - i - son, Ky - ri - e.

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.**

Glory to God

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

Soloist sings the refrain. Congregation repeats the refrain and sings it again as indicated throughout the song. The soloist will sing the verses.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est!

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God

Last time to Coda ♪

in the high-est! Peace to his peo - ple on earth!

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. **(Refrain)**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **(Refrain)**

You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **(Refrain)**

Sing the final refrain twice. Conclude the second time by singing the Coda:

♠ Coda

Peace on earth!

Prayer of the Day

P & C: Almighty God, You sent Your Son to proclaim Your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of Your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Lesson: ISAIAH 8:19—9:2 *(Man cannot find his way through the darkness of the world except by inquiring of God. No spirit, no man, no other message brings light to those living in darkness. To the law and to the testimony! There you find the Word, the great light for those living in darkness.)*

¹⁹ When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰ Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. ²¹ Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. ²² Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

¹ Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

² The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned. (NIV 2011)

Gospel Acclamation:

The soloist sings the refrain first. The congregation repeats. The soloist sings the verses. Repeat the refrain as indicated.

Sing! Sing Al - le - lu - ia!

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Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening; You have the words of everlasting life. **(Refrain)**
Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life. **(Refrain)**
In the east we see a shining star, and we will come and bow before the Lord. **(Refrain)**

The Gospel Lesson: **MATTHEW 4:12-23** (*Jesus calls His first disciples.*)

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, He went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴ to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow Me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed Him.

²¹ Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. (NIV 2011)

After the minister concludes the reading of the Gospel, he says:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day: CW 85 “O God from God, O Light from Light”

The Sermon

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 Offertory

The Prayer of the Church

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.

The Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you. (spoken)

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 and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed His glory as Your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy Holy

All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Words of Institution

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

C: Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
repeat as needed
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
repeat as needed
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, grant us peace.

Our Communion Practice

New Life Lutheran Church practices “close communion.” We ask that only members of New Life or other WELS churches partake of the sacrament. We ask our visitors to please respect our communion practice.

The Distribution Hymn: CWS 770 “O Christ, Who Called the Twelve”

Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: And His mercy endures forever.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it You will strengthen our faith in You and increase our love for one another. Grant that the love You inspire may take the form of love and concern for the souls of others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The 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.

Closing Hymn: CW 90 vs. 1, 5

**The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shone on them who long
In shades of death have been,
In shades of death have been.**

**Lord Jesus, reign in us we pray,
And make us Yours alone,
For You are with the Father and
The Spirit ever one,
The Spirit ever one.**

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Dressel

Today—Communion Service at 9:30 AM
Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM
Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Wednesday—Men's Bible Class at Noon

Next Sunday—Worship Service at 9:30 AM
Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM
Confirmation at 6:00 PM

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level.

Offering Envelopes for 2017 are located on the table in the entryway and are ready for pick up. Included with the envelopes is an updated Endowment Fund flier.

New Life will host a booth at the Lake Zurich Chamber of Commerce Community Showcase on Saturday, March 11. The activity at the booth will consist of helping kids plant tree seedlings into pots, as part of our "Tree of Life" Lutheran preschool promotion. A volunteer sign up sheet is located on bulletin board in the lower level.

A swimming outing at the Schaumburg WaterWorks has been scheduled for Sunday, January 29th at Noon for the entire family. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the basement. Lunch will be served that day before heading to the waterpark.

The Branch Connection will be hosting a "Ladies Night Out" at the Red Robin restaurant in the Deer Park Towne Center on **Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30 PM**. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the lower level. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend!

Our Faithfulness to God's Word
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