

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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National Holiday—Fourth Sunday After Pentecost July 2, 2017 A Proper Protest!

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.

Before Service Prayer: Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Make us who came from many nations with many different languages a united people. Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in You fail. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword,
His truth is marching on.**

Refrain

**Glory! Glory, hallelujah! Glory! Glory, hallelujah!
Glory! Glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

**I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damp;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.**

Refrain

**He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.**

Refrain

**In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.**

Refrain

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Engrafted into the name of the Holy Trinity,

People: we are claimed by Christ, in Holy Baptism.

CONFESSION-- Psalm 142 *(A prayer of David when he was in the cave.)*

Pastor: With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

People: Heavenly Father, we come to You today, seeking mercy and forgiveness for all of our sins.

Pastor: I pour out my complaint before Him; I tell my trouble before Him. When my spirit faints within me, You know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

People: We come to You seeking strength when we are weary and relief from the traps of sin—its rebellion, arrogance, and disobedience.

Pastor: Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains for me; no one cares for my soul.

People: Gracious Father, You alone provide safe haven in the midst of a warring world. Grant us hope and peace for life everlasting amidst strife.

Pastor: Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me! Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name! The righteous will surround me, for You will deal bountifully with me.

People: Almighty God, hear our cries for mercy; set us free from the sins that entangle us, and bestow upon us Your bountiful grace and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God has set us free. Jesus says, —If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (*John 8:36*) In dying on the cross and rising again, Jesus Christ has set us free from the bonds of sin, death, and the grave. Therefore, 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE (*sung to “Navy Hymn” tune*)

**In God we trust! Oh, may it be
Throughout this land of liberty!
Lord, turn our hearts from guilt and shame
To bear with joy Your sacred name.
In ev’ry need, as well they must,
Our hearts cry out, “In God we trust!”**

**In God we trust! For we have heard
The news of Your forgiving word,
The peace for which our Savior died,
The Spirit’s favors multiplied.
For ev’ry blessing, true and just
Thankful we cry, “In God we trust!”**

**In God we trust! Oh, give us grace
In You our confidence to place,
To set our hearts on things above,
To live as agents of Your love,
To conquer death, to rise from dust,
To cry anew, “In God we trust!”** (*tune CW 517*)

+ **THE WORD** +

OLD TESTAMENT 1 Samuel 20:30-34 (*Jonathan protests the shameful treatment of David.*)

³⁰ Saul’s anger flared up at Jonathan and he said to him, “You son of a perverse and rebellious woman! Don’t I know that you have sided with the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of the mother who bore you? ³¹ As long as the son of Jesse lives on this earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Now send someone to bring him to me, for he must die!”

³² “Why should he be put to death? What has he done?” Jonathan asked his father. ³³ But Saul hurled his spear at him to kill him. Then Jonathan knew that his father intended to kill David.

³⁴ Jonathan got up from the table in fierce anger; on that second day of the feast he did not eat, because he was grieved at his father’s shameful treatment of David. (NIV 2011)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 67 (*Make Your face shine upon us.*)

Pastor: May God be merciful to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us.

(All bold responses are to be sung)

**Let all peoples join to raise
Songs to You, O God, in praise.**

Pastor: Let the whole world know Your will, all nations Your salvation.

**Let all nations join to sing
Praises to creation's King.**

Pastor: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

**Let God's people praise employ
To proclaim our grateful joy.**

Pastor: For You judge the peoples with equity and guide all nations upon the earth.

**Let all peoples join to raise
Songs to You, O God in praise.**

Pastor: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

**Let all nations join to sing
Praises to creation's King.**

Pastor: God has blessed us; may all the ends of the earth revere Him.

**Let God's people praise employ
To proclaim our grateful joy.** (tune CW 612)

EPISTLE Acts 25:8-12 (*When Paul sensed that politics, not justice would determine his case, he made the ultimate protest to Caesar.*)

⁸ Then Paul made his defense: "I have done nothing wrong against the Jewish law or against the temple or against Caesar."

⁹ Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, said to Paul, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and stand trial before me there on these charges?"

¹⁰ Paul answered: "I am now standing before Caesar's court, where I ought to be tried. I have not done any wrong to the Jews, as you yourself know very well. ¹¹ If, however, I am guilty of doing anything deserving death, I do not refuse to die. But if the charges brought against me by these Jews are not true, no one has the right to hand me over to them. I appeal to Caesar!"

¹² After Festus had conferred with his council, he declared: "You have appealed to Caesar. To Caesar you will go!" (NIV 2011)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 26:50b-56 (*Jesus protests being treated like a criminal, while at the same time rejecting violent protest.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 26th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵⁰ Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested Him. ⁵¹ With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁵² "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think I cannot call on My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"

⁵⁵ In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture Me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest Me. ⁵⁶ But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted Him and fled. (NIV 2011)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

People: Praise be to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY CWS 785 "O Lord of Nations"

SERMON

CREEDAL HYMN

**In God the Father we believe, whose strong creative word
Put end to night: "Let there be light!"
That voice can still be heard,
Providing us, protecting us, inviting us to know
Our Father's care shown ev'rywhere,
From whom all blessings flow.**

**Our trust we place in Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
Who came to earth in holy birth,
By whom God's will was done.
The Crucified, for us He died, He rose from death and grave
To reign above and come in love,
His ransomed saints to save.**

**And we confess the Holy Ghost, by whom our hearts believe
The Word of God proclaimed abroad,
Whose blessings we receive.
Forgiven, we—in unity—shall triumph o'er all strife.
Our God be praised; we shall be raised
To everlasting life! (*tune: America the Beautiful*)**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: O God, You are faithful even when we are faithless. Your compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. Guide us through the strains and stresses of life as our hope is anchored in You. Hear us good Lord.

People: Almighty God, You are our strength and our shield; we pray that You would safeguard all those who defend our nation from war and strife. Be the strength of all those who courageously defend us from our enemies. Hear us good Lord.

Pastor: Gracious God and Father, we pray for all in need of help and healing. Forgive the sins of those who repent and heal them from all their diseases according to Your good and gracious will. Hear us good Lord.

People: Lord Jesus, You alone are the source of truth for all peoples and nations; we pray that You would encourage and sustain all missionaries as they proclaim the Gospel. Guide all those who vigorously make known Your holy name, to the ends of the earth. Hear us good Lord.

Pastor: Lord of the Church, the Creator of all living things, Redeemer of the World hear our prayers that Your one Church may be sustained in this world of adversity and fear. Guide us waking and guard us sleeping, that we may remain steadfast in the one true faith. Hear us good Lord.

People: You are the helper of the helpless, the strength of the weak; hear our prayers for those who are defenseless. Protect those who are frail, suffering in mind, body, or spirit, granting them peace and wholeness. Hear us good Lord.

Pastor: Give to Your people courage to protest sin and false teaching in this world, never resorting to violence or even destruction of property, but always and only taking our stand on Your holy Word. Hear us good Lord.

People: All these things we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father on high, give ear to our prayer.
Your name, far and nigh, revered ev'rywhere.
Your kingdom come Sov'reign, and Your gracious will,
On earth as in heaven be done by us still.**

**The bread that we crave provide us each day.
Be near us to save from evil always.
In time of temptation Your strong guidance give;
As we forgive others, our sins, Lord, forgive.**

**For You, Lord, are King; almighty You reign.
Your glory we sing with grateful refrain.
Amen. From this hour so may it be done;
Your kingdom, Your power, Your glory alone! (tune CW 243)**

Pastor: O King of the nations,

People: we thank and praise You for creating our world, working through our government, and setting us free through Your sacrifice once and for all for the sins of the world. Guide us, Your people who have been blessed through the hearing and learning of Your word, in being the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—

People: to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen. (Jude 23–25)

Pastor: The LORD has remembered us; He will bless us: He will bless the house of Israel, He will bless the house of Aaron, He will bless those who fear the LORD, small and great alike. (*Psalm 115:12*)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. (*Numbers 6:24–26*)

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN CW 619 “God Bless Our Native Land”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: LaPlante

Today—Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Monday—No Men's Bible Class

Tuesday--Independence Day (Church Council meeting moved to Thursday)

Wednesday—Bible Class in the Basement at 7:00 PM

Thursday—Church Council meeting at 7:00 PM.

Next Sunday—Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Voters' Meeting at 10:45 AM

Church Picnic at Noon

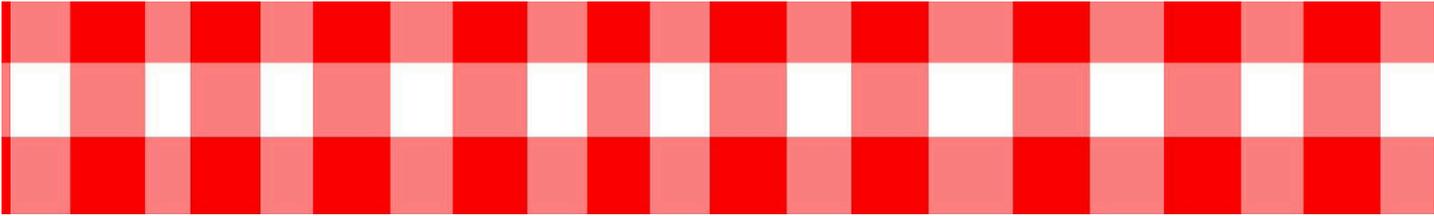
Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level.

The preschool currently has 21 children enrolled for the 2017-18 school year, seven three-year-old and fourteen four-year-old children. The goal for enrollment is 40, twenty in each session.

Summer Bible class is being held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. The class is studying the book of Galatians.

Our Faithfulness to God's Word:

Last Sunday—50



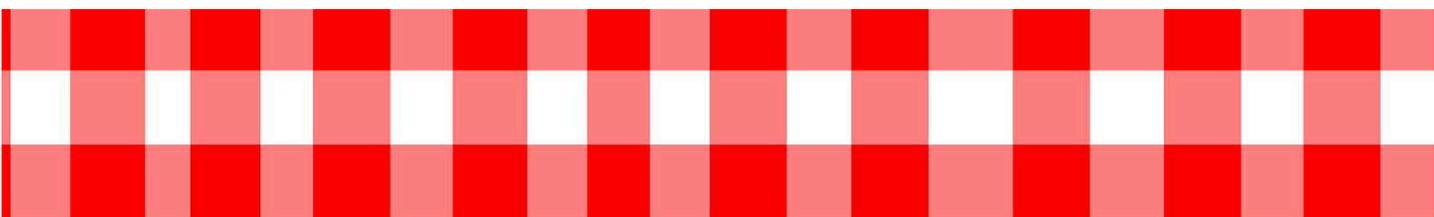
New Life's Annual Voters Meeting and Church Picnic

Sunday, July 9th

**Voters Meeting at 10:45
Picnic at Noon**



**Bring a side, salad or dessert to pass!
Brats, hotdogs, hamburgers, and drinks will be provided.**





In honor of the 500th
Anniversary of the
Lutheran Reformation,
New Life presents...



A Reformation VBS

August 7 — 11, 2017

9:00 — 11:30 AM (VBS) / 12:00 — 2:30 PM (Volleyball)

VBS open to children ages 3-year-old preschool through 8th grade!

NO cost or obligation for VBS; Nominal fee for Volleyball Camp!



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