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**Fourth Sunday in Lent
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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. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

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God Comforts His People with His Forgiveness

BEFORE WORSHIP

Personal prayers for worship are found on pages 10-11 in the front part of the hymnal.

A personal preparation for Holy Communion is found on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

THEME FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: Jesus calls us from sinful selfishness to selfless service. We can view the world from the perspective of selfishness or selflessness. Selfishness puts self before all and leads to favoritism, pride and envy. Repentance, however, means despairing of self, trusting in Christ's substitutionary sacrifice and leading lives of selfless service modeled after our Savior who came not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for us.

HYMN CWS 738 "In Hopelessness and Near Despair"

(Christian hymns preach Jesus Christ: crucified, risen and seated at God's right hand.)

Please stand.

(The work of worship belongs to every Christian. Each of us stands as a priest before God.)

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by those present in remembrance of their Baptism.)

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

C: (spoken) Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION

(1 John 1:8-9)

M: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

C: according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

M: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C: and cleanse me from my sin! *Psalm 51:1, 2*

M: Let us then confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.

M & C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we poor sinners beseech You to hear our words of repentance. We have sinned against You and have transgressed Your commands in thought, word, and deed. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for all of our sins, both known and unknown to us. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Savior. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may walk as Your forgiven and restored children here on earth until that time when we finally come into Your glorious heavenly presence.

ABSOLUTION

(John 20:21-23)

(“The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to His church on earth: to forgive the sins of the penitent sinners.” Luther’s Small Catechism: The Use of the Keys and Confession.)

M: God has promised His mercy and forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in repentance and humility. 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. May our merciful Lord keep you steadfast in the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

(Mark 10:47)

(These are the words to the oldest canticle in the Christian church, the Kyrie.)

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from You all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of Your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in You, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of eternal life as we await Your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for You.

C: Amen.

(The Song of Praise is omitted during Lent.)

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

(The salutation is a Christian greeting, offered here for mutual encouragement as the congregation prepares to hear God's word.)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask You graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with Your salvation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD

[We sit at the feet of Jesus like Mary did, to hear His word (Luke 10:42).]

FIRST LESSON GENESIS 37:1-11 *(The life of Joseph illustrates Jesus' message that whoever wants to be first must be your slave. Selfishness led to Jacob's favoritism and his sons' jealousy. Selfishness led Jacob and his sons to such pride that they could not imagine God's prophecy about Joseph coming true. Their selfishness forced Joseph into the role of slave and servant, yet God in his grace would save many people in spite of their sin. Sold into slavery, and jailed unjustly, Joseph would trust in God and selflessly serve his fellow man. Ultimately, God brought the prideful low and raised up humble Joseph. In doing so, He both fulfilled his prophecy and also saved the family of God and countless others.)*

¹ Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

² This is the account of Jacob's family line.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. ⁴ When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

⁵ Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. ⁶ He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: ⁷ We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

⁸ His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

⁹ Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

¹⁰ When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" ¹¹ His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind. (NIV 2011)

VERSE OF THE DAY For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Please Stand

(The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.)

M: The gospel according to Matthew the 20th chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL MATTHEW 20:17-28 *(Jesus revealed the plan of the Father to His disciples: the Son of God would leave His heavenly throne and selflessly give His freedom to His enemies, His body to the torturer, His life to the executioner in order that He might be our Savior. Rather than marveling at the depth of His love and self-sacrifice, the disciples argued about places of greatness in glory. The sons of Zebedee wanted to sit at the right and left of Jesus, but were only promised that they would join in drinking His cup. The other disciples were indignant, but not righteously so. Jesus corrected them, too. Followers of Jesus drink His cup and find greatness in selflessly serving others. For our motivation and our model, Christ points back to God's plan for the Son of Man who came not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.)*

¹⁷Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, He took the Twelve aside and said to them, ¹⁸“We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn Him to death ¹⁹and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day He will be raised to life!”

²⁰Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of Him.

²¹“What is it you want?” He asked.

She said, “Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at Your right and the other at Your left in Your kingdom.”

²²“You don't know what you are asking,” Jesus said to them. “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?”

“We can,” they answered.

²³Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink from My cup, but to sit at My right or left is not for Me to grant.

These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by My Father.”

²⁴When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. ²⁵Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel:

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

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.

Please be seated.

(The Hymn of the Day is a hymn specially assigned to this day for its richness, its content and its connection to the day's Gospel.)

HYMN OF THE DAY CW 401 "Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

THE SERMON

OFFERING

(Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer Him our first and our best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him. Visitors to our service can participate in this act of worship, but are not expected to.)

OFFERTORY

Please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1)

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you. (spoken)

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: 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 from His sacrificial death has brought life and immortality to light and won the victory over death and the grave through His resurrection, that our graves may be opened and we, too, be raised at His coming. With Your Spirit within us, we in faith receive what You have prepared for us as we celebrate the feast of victory in Your true body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in Your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.**

**Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is He
Who in God's name is coming
To set His people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with His blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Jesus took bread and "gave thanks" (Matthew 26:26).)

M: In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we join in praying...

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

M: 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."

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

C: Amen.

C Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Please 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.

DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution the congregation will sing CW 110 “My Song Is Love Unknown”

Please stand.

**O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen Your promised
Incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!**

**All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

PRAYER

M: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have breathed Your Spirit into us through Your Word and have given us forgiveness and new life through the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. As You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come, grant that His victory over death strengthen us in faith and trust, giving hope and assurance of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Hebrews 13:20-21*

M: We depart today and continue each day celebrating life:
C: life created by the Father;

M: life restored by Jesus Christ, the life of all the living, who is the resurrection and the life;
C: life sanctified by the living breath of the Holy Spirit.

M: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
C: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN CW 484 "Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly"

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Landenberger

Today— Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School, Adult Bible Class at 10:45 AM
NO Confirmation Class (Spring Break)

Monday-Friday—NO Preschool (Spring Break)

Wednesday—Lenten Supper at 6:15 PM

Fifth Mid-Week Lenten Service at 7:00 PM
Outreach Committee Meeting at 8:00 PM

Thursday—NO GREEN TEAM (Spring Break)

Friday—NO Men's Bible Class (Spring Break)

Sunday— Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:45 AM
Confirmation Class 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. A NEW sheet has been posted and many slots are open. Sign-up today!

Adult Bible Class will meet in the New Life Café this morning at 10:45 AM. Class is using the Growing in Grace catechism curriculum. Today we will continue our study on “The Public Ministry and the Keys.”

Last Wednesday's Lenten meal served as a fundraiser for the GREEN TEAM—New Life's pioneer program for children preschool through 8th grade. If you'd like to give a donation, please put an envelope in the offering plate and mark it “GREEN TEAM.” All donations given for GREEN TEAM will be matched dollar for dollar by National Mutual Benefit.

This Wednesday, Pastor Dave Carlovsky from Lord and Savior in Crystal Lake will be our guest pastor. The theme for the service is, “The Son of God Goes Forth to War— The Warrior Faces Satan's Ally, the World.” The meal is an opportunity to spend time with fellow members and begins at 6:15 PM.

If you'd like to purchase an Easter lily to adorn the Lord's chancel for Easter Sunday, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the lower level. Cost for each lily is \$8. Checks can be written to Kelly Daugherty.

An Easter breakfast sign-up sheet is now posted. Please indicate what you'd like to bring for breakfast and plan on spending some enjoyable fellowship time with members and friends of New Life on Easter Sunday!

It has been our tradition to shake the pastor's hand on the way out of church. In light of the current situation, God's people will be ushered out by New Life's elder who will not shake your hand.



Lenten Series 2020

Supper at 6:15 PM

Service at 7:00 PM

Midweek Lent #5—March 25th

Pastor Carlovsky—"The Warrior Faces Satan's Ally, the World" (John 18:38)

Midweek Lent #6—April 1st

Pastor Schubert—"The Promised Warrior" (Isaiah 42:13)

MAUNDY THURSDAY—APRIL 9th— "The Battle Is Personal" (Luke 22:47-48)

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 10th— "The Greatest Battle Ever Fought" (Mt. 27:45-50)

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 12th— "Victory!" (Revelation 19:11-16)

Our Faithfulness to God's Word

Last Sunday—37

Last Wednesday—25

