

"Whoever finds their life
will lose it, and whoever
loses their life for my sake
will find it."

MATTHEW 10:39



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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 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.

Covid-19 Precautions / Reminders:

1. Every other pew will be taped off to create social distance.
2. Weather permitting, the windows will be open to create as much airflow as possible.
3. The hymnals have been removed from the pews. The hymns will be sung out of the bulletin or off the projector screens.
4. Worshippers are asked to pick up their own bulletin and take it home with them.
5. Offerings will be placed in the plate on the podium before or after the service.
6. The use of masks is encouraged but not mandatory. Masks are available in the entryway.
7. The pastor will explain prior to the service how the distribution will work for Holy Communion.
8. The pastor won't shake hands after the service.
9. Something to eat and drink will be offered after the service today in the fellowship hall, which has been cleared of tables and chairs to make social distancing possible.

Before Service Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, You instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion to seal to me the personal guarantee that all my sins are forgiven. Today, You offer to me the Sacrament in a way that reflects the dangers we face in our time. Lead me to true sorrow and repentance for all my sins. Give me faith to believe Your body and blood, once given and shed on the cross, are present with the bread and wine which I receive in this sacrament. Fill my heart and mind with comfort, peace, and joy, knowing that all my sins are pardoned. Give me renewed zeal each day and lead me to live a godly life in loving obedience to Your commandments. I ask this in Your precious name, O Savior. Amen.

Today's Service: Service of All Creation (an abbreviated form), GIA, reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-800156 and under CCLI license #1132777.

Today's Theme: The Christian loves God above all things. The beautiful Prayer of the Day sets the tone for the Sunday. The Church prays for the love of God that we might always love Him above all things. The Verse of the Day describes this total commitment to Christ as denying ourselves and carrying our crosses. The lessons warn of the earthly ramifications of such love, but also point to the promised heavenly rewards.

Opening Hymn CW 584 "O Blessed Holy Trinity" (tune, CW 480)

**O blessed, Holy Trinity, Divine, eternal Unity,
God Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Be all this day my Guide and Host.**

**My soul and body keep from harm, O'er all I have extend Your arm,
Let Satan cause me no distress Nor bring me shame or wretchedness.**

**The Father's love shield me this day; The Son's pure wisdom cheer my way,
The Holy Spirit's joy and light Drive from my heart the shades of night.**

**My Maker, hold me in Your hand; Redeemer, be my dearest friend;
Blest Comforter, stay at my side That faith and love in me abide.**

**Lord, bless and keep me as Your own; Lord, look in kindness from Your throne;
Lord, let Your favor rest on me, And give me peace eternally.**

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Because we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition and have sinned in thought, word, and deed, let us employ the faith the Holy Spirit has given us and go to our gracious heavenly Father, asking His forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God has given His only Son to bear the punishment of our sins on the cross so that we might know the peace of His presence now and the joys of heaven hereafter. 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.

C: Amen.

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

Glory to God (*Congregation sings the refrain; Soloist sings the verses along with the congregation.*)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. It features a whole rest for 8 measures, followed by a melodic line with lyrics: "Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "peace to his peo - ple on earth." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style.

- 1) Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.

Refrain

- 2) 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

- 3) For 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 the God, the Father. Amen! Amen!

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O God, You have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love You. Pour into our hearts such love for You that, loving You above all things, we may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word of God

First Lesson 1 JOHN 2:15-17 *(Do not love the world or anything in the world. How easy that is to say; how difficult to do! St. John repeats Christ's call for total commitment. Love for the world and the love of the Father are mutually exclusive. Loving God above all things means recognizing that our cravings, our lust, and our pride come from this world which will not last. So why do we put our love in things that are so transitory? Empires fall, desire wanes, relationships fail, accomplishments crumble. God calls the Christian to love Him above all these things and receive a life that will last forever.)*

¹⁵Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

Gospel Acclamation *Honduran Alleluia*

Spanish 1 A - le - lu - ya.
English 1 Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Now the Lord is ris'n in - deed.

2. Alleluia. Alleluia (3x)

Christ, the first-fruits from the grave.

3. Alleluia. Alleluia (3x)

Christ has given us new life.

4. Alleluia. Alleluia (3x)

Glory, love and praise to God.

Gospel MATTHEW 10:34-42 *(Persecution reprioritizes life and sharpens faith. However, the further Christians get from the lions' roar or the martyr's stake, the easier it is for us to make our faith in Christ merely moderately important in our lives. Family, friends, work, health—these all vie for our time and attention, and our faith gets pushed further and further down the list. When life is not so bad, who needs the promises of a better life to come? How false our thoughts that faith can be only moderately important! C.S. Lewis said, "Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important." In the Gospel, Christ asserts the all-important nature of faith, and the all-consuming nature of discipleship. Jesus calls us to love Him above all—more than family or friends, more than personal safety or even life itself. Such total commitment to Christ will not bring peace to your life, but constant conflict with the sinful world around you. Since He did not come to bring peace, but a sword, He points the Christian to rewards in heaven, kept safe by the One who sent Him.)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁴“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to turn

“a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

³⁶ a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.’

³⁷“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁸Whoever does not take up their cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for My sake will find it.

⁴⁰“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes Me, and anyone who welcomes Me welcomes the One who sent Me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴²And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is My disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day CW 355 “Take the World, but Give Me Jesus”

**Take the world, but give me Jesus, All its joys are but a name;
But His love abides forever, Through eternal years the same.**

**Refrain: Oh, the height and depth of mercy! Oh, the length and breadth of love!
Oh, the fullness of redemption, Pledge of endless life above!**

**Take the world, but give me Jesus, Sweetest comfort of my soul;
With my Savior watching o'er me, I can sing, though thunders roll**

Refrain:

**Take the world, but give me Jesus. In His cross my trust shall be,
Till, with clearer, brighter vision, Face to face my Lord I see!**

Refrain:

The Sermon

Stand

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

Offertory

Gathering of Our Offerings

If you are not a member of New Life Lutheran Church, we do not want you to feel obligated to give an offering. (God wants us to be cheerful givers, not guilty givers!) We gather our offerings in church, *because the Bible teaches that giving is an act of worship*. May the Lord bless you. And may He use our gifts to be a blessing to many others. Offerings can be placed in the plate on the podium either before or after the service.

Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

C: 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 also 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 good and right so to do.**

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, whom You have appointed to be head over everything for that eternal kingdom that fills the entire world, and for whose sake You impart wisdom from above that makes us wise for salvation through faith in Your Son. 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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,

God of pow - er, God of might, Hea - ven and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

in the high - est! Bles - sed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Distribution Hymn CW 312 “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared” (vs. 1,5-8)

**Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared this feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood, and at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, we come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.**

**Though reason cannot understand, yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is ev’rywhere at once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.**

**Lord, I believe what You have said; help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust, and let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.**

**Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins, may prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace and day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.**

**For Your consoling supper, Lord, be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in every place the world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be a blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.**

Thanksgiving

Stand

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

C: **And His mercy endures forever.**

P: Let us pray.

Thank You, God, for the mercy You have shown us in Christ Jesus, our Lord, and for Your affirmation in this Sacrament of that mercy secured by His once-for-all sacrifice on the cross. Use this resurrection food to strengthen the hearts of Your people as they look for ways to share Your mercy with others, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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 CWS 761 “Christ is With Me” (Also projected on the screen.)

**We were buried with Him into death, That as He was raised by God’s glory,
We might walk in life made new by grace. Having died with Christ, we shall live with Him.**

Refrain: Christ is with me ev’rywhere I go. Never to leave me, this I know.

**I have now been grafted to the Vine, Drawing life from roots rich in mercy,
Bearing fruit as I abide in Him: Fruit forever fresh, glorifying God.**

Refrain:

**I have now been crucified with Christ. I no longer live; Christ lives in me.
Now I live by faith in God’s own Son, One who loved me so—gave Himself for me.**

Refrain:

Announcements

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Landenberger

Bible Classes this week: Bible Class in the Basement will meet on Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00 PM to resume our study of the book of Numbers. Men’s Bible class will meet on Friday at 11:30 AM to continue our study of selected Psalms.

The Branch Connection will meet this Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 PM.

VBS will be held the week of July 27-31. You can register your child / children for VBS by going to <http://newlife-wels.org/vbs.htm> We already have around 30 kids signed up. A staff meeting is planned for Wed., July 15 at 8:15 PM and a craft work night is scheduled for Wed., July 22 at 8:15 PM.

Unfortunately, Training Camp has been cancelled. YMCA Camp Duncan came to the conclusion that it could not host Training Camp this year. Rev. Zarlring will refund the deposits that were made.

New Life's Annual Voter's meeting will be held today after the service. After the voter's meeting a box lunch will be offered along with a bean bag tournament, held inside or outside. Thanks to Craig and Holly LaPlante for organizing the lunch today.

The New Life Nominating Committee has come with the following slate of candidates for fiscal year 2020-21. Joe Berg, John Lester, Ken Sarvady, Brent Anderson and Mike Spangle, incumbents, have all consented to be nominated for another two-year term. Toby James, who was on Church Council prior to departing for graduate school, is being appointed to fill a position on church council.

A fellowship sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board downstairs. In light of Covid-19, if you wish to bring something for fellowship, make sure it's individually wrapped.

We had two families visit our preschool open house this past week. One family signed up for the three-year-old program, and another family who did not attend, signed up for the two-year-old program.

The flowers placed in the Lord's chancel by Pat Plautz are in loving memory of Bill.