

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church Lake Zurich, IL

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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. And 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.



Before Service Prayer: Lord, You are the creator and the preserver of the whole earth. Send to our world good weather, a bright sun, and warm rains; and let crops and animals grow strong for food for Your people. Teach us to use wisely the food You give so that we may always have some to give to those in need. Hear us and answer our prayers. Amen.

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

Today's Theme: Why is it so important that we respond to God's generosity in giving temporal blessings with gratitude to Him for His spiritual blessings? Because we are plagued within and without by temptations to worship the temporal and to despise the eternal.

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion: p. 156 in the front of the red hymnal

Opening Hymn CW 250 "From All that Dwell below the Skies"

Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

P: Because of the tender mercy of our God;

C: **those who sit in sin's darkness and in the shadow of death find peace.** *Luke 1:78-79*

Confession and Absolution

P: Come, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **O merciful Lord, we confess that we are sinful by nature and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not done the good Your law requires and we have done the evil Your law forbids. But we are truly sorry for our sins and plead for Your mercy in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fill us with faith to believe in Your forgiveness and turn our hearts by Your Spirit that we may amend our sinful ways, to love and serve You with all our heart, soul, mind, and body. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

(Soloist sings through the refrain once; Congregation repeats the refrain; Soloist sings the verses and Congregation repeats the refrain as indicated throughout the song.)

Soloist: Refrain

Congregation: **Refrain**

The musical notation for the Refrain is presented in two staves. The first staff is in G major (one flat) and 6/4 time, with lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." The second staff is in G major and 5/4 time, with lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." and includes a repeat sign at the end.

Verse 1: God of all creation, earth and sea and sky, God of all eternity: hear us, hear us. **Refrain**

Verse 2: God of ev'ry nation, God of all who live, God of meek and lowly ones: hear us, hear us. **Refrain**

Verse 3: God of our salvation, God of grace and peace, God of wisdom and of love: hear us, hear us. **Refrain**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon You and has sent His only Son who suffered for you to forgive you all your sins. As a called and ordained 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.

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

Glory to God (*Congregation sings the refrain; Soloist sings the verses*)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 3/4 time signature. It features a whole rest for the first measure, followed by a series of eighth notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and' are written below the notes. The second staff continues with a half note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note Bb3, and a quarter note A3. The lyrics 'peace to his peo - ple on earth.' are written below these notes. There is a fermata over the final note A3.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of 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 HEBREWS 5:11—6:3 *(It's not as though the milk, the elementary teachings, were unimportant and now can be ignored. Rather it is time for us to see that not only have we been saved, but that because we have been saved by so gracious a God we should eagerly desire to grow more and more in love to Him. That love in turn finds expression in a new attitude toward life and a new desire to fight the temptations of worldliness and materialism. The new attitude gives rise to a new eagerness to live in service to one another in gratitude to Him who gave the precious milk of the gospel.)*

¹¹ We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. ¹² In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! ¹³ Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

¹ Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God,² instruction about cleansing rites, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³ And God permitting, we will do so. (NIV 2011)

Church Council Installation

Chairman—Mike Spangle
Financial Secretary—Ken Sarvady
Secretary--Joe Berg
Treasurer—Brent Anderson

Property Chairman—John Landenberger
Stewardship Chairman—Steve Flunker
Fellowship Chairman—Jim Smith
Outreach Chairman—John Lester

Gospel JOHN 6:41-51 *(The Jews only wanted a bread king. They despised the lowly Jesus whose humility veiled His deity. They rejected the ultimate bread from heaven whose person, whose coming, whose dying, whose rising again is the only nourishment that matters. At table may we sigh, Jesus, only Jesus! He is my food eternal, my life and my salvation! Even if I starved to death, I would be full with Him for all eternity! Remembering that elemental truth as we fight against the materialism that attacks us from our own sinful nature and from the world around us.)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴¹ At this the Jews there began to grumble about Him because He said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can He now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

⁴³ "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. ⁴⁴ "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from Him comes to Me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the One who is from God; only He has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." (NIV 2011)

(After the Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day “O Living Bread from Heaven”

O living Bread from heaven,
How well You feed Your guest!
The gifts that You have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.

My Lord, You here have led me
Within Your holiest place
And here have kindly fed me
With treasures of Your grace,
For You have freely given
What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted--
This food can death destroy--
And You have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before Your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow. *(Tune CW 368)*

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 and Offering Prayer

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.

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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Words of Institution

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

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 CW 562 “I Love to Tell the Story”

Announcements

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Sarvady

Today— Communion at 9:30 AM

Tone Chimes Demo at 10:45 AM

Tuesday—Branch Connection at 7:00 PM

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

Friday—Men’s Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Next Sunday—Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Tone Chimes Demo at 10:45 AM

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. **A new fellowship sheet has been posted for the fall months.** Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level.

Thank you to those who helped with VBS this past week—Lori Dundore, Rachel and Colton Andrews, Don and Sandy Dall, Alyssa and Kailyn Dundore, Lee Kennedy, Joe and Sheila Berg, John Landenberger, Mike Spangle, Bill Plautz and Roger Nicklaus. We had 85 children registered with an average attendance of 74 per day.

SUMMER TONE CHIMES

Did you always want to ring a tone chime? Now is your chance to give it a try without the pressure of performing for a Sunday service. This summer the New Life Tone chime choir will sponsor a Recreational Tone chime Class on three Sundays in August after fellowship. Basic note and rhythm reading skills will be demonstrated and there will be no formal performance. We will play folk songs, sacred songs and other familiar tunes just for fun. You can play one chime or two, or you can just watch.

Come and join the fun on the following three Sundays:

August 12, 19, 26

If you have any questions, please contact Joan James.



Our Faithfulness to God's Word Last Sunday—48

