

# 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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## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 26, 2018

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 that is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.



Before Service Prayer: Dear God, if only we were as diligent to pray, at least with a longing in the heart, as You are in coaxing, bidding, commanding, assuring, and constraining us to pray. Unfortunately, we are too lazy and ungrateful! Forgive us, dear Lord, and strengthen our faith. Since I cannot pay the penalty, and my name has no prestige, let satisfaction be made in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (Luther's Prayers)

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Today's Theme: It is not only the outsider who turns aside from the Wisdom which is Christ. Many who have heard the Word with us also go away when some part of it conflicts with their own thinking. The *sacrificium intellecti* (the setting aside of reason that objects) is not a onetime thing. It is a sacrifice that needs to be renewed often, in every stage of life, as new threats come that oppose Wisdom and its expression in the Word.

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Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CWS 768 "How Firm a Foundation"

Invocation

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

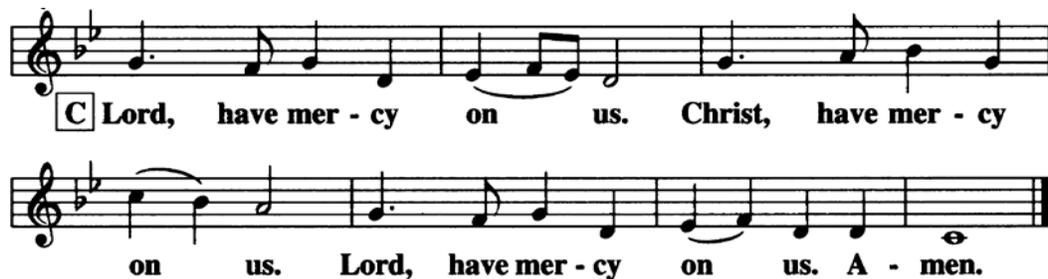
**C: Amen.**

Confession of Sins

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

The Kyrie— *The congregation and Pastor sing...*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

Absolution

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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.



**C** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on  
earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. You are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re -

ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on

earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the

Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on

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

The Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what You promise, make us love what You command; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Sit*

The First Lesson: **EXODUS 7:8-13** (St. Augustine makes the point that the devil cannot create anything; he can only damage and try to destroy what God has made. Here the devil gives it his best shot and ends up with nothing that can survive what God has made by His mighty power in His Word. But notice that Pharaoh's heart nevertheless became hard because he refused to listen. He saw, but he did not hear! Even God's mighty acts, be they in nature or in an extraordinary miracle, do not create faith in those who only see. They need to hear and hear and hear the Word of the Lord (Romans 10:6). Notice, too, that Pharaoh's unbelief is altogether contrary to reason, given the demonstration of God's power through Moses. Many like to say that the gospel is not reasonable, and therefore they will not believe it. In point of fact, when they reject the gospel, they cling to something else that is a delusion and is itself utterly unreasonable. And so God makes fools of those who deem themselves wise.)

<sup>8</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, <sup>9</sup>“When Pharaoh says to you, ‘Perform a miracle,’ then say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,’ and it will become a snake.”

<sup>10</sup>So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. <sup>11</sup>Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts: <sup>12</sup>Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs. <sup>13</sup>Yet Pharaoh's heart became hard and he would not listen to them, just as the LORD had said. (NIV 2011)

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. (2 Timothy 1:10b cf. NIV)

*Stand*

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



**C** Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

The Gospel Lesson: **JOHN 6:60-69** (The stumbling block thrown in His path by the rationalism of many in the crowd does not move Jesus to soften the message. Instead He repeats it with emphasis. Through their own fault many of the hearers, yes, even one of the Twelve, refuse to bend their thinking to His Word. Instead of the attitude of Samuel, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening, their response is, Listen, we are speaking and this is what WE think! But Jesus is the One who descended for our salvation. Jesus is the One who went back to the right hand of the Father to rule all things in heaven and on earth. Jesus is the One who will return to judge all mankind. Do you really think your opinion matters or that it is more likely to be on the mark than His? What folly! But still many came and then went away. How many times in your life have you been tempted to go away to what your own wisdom preferred?)

*How many times have you actually done it? But today, hear His voice and answer: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that You are the Holy One of God!*)

<sup>60</sup> On hearing it, many of His disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

<sup>61</sup> Aware that His disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where He was before! <sup>63</sup> The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray Him. <sup>65</sup> He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless the Father has enabled them.”

<sup>66</sup> From this time many of His disciples turned back and no longer followed Him.

<sup>67</sup> “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

<sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and to know that You are the Holy One of God.” (NIV 2011)

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



### 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 Pila8te.**

**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.**

Hymn of the Day: CW 556 “Rise, Shine, You People”

### The Sermon

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



**C** Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me.  
Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or  
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The Offering

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 Sacrament

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 good and right so to do.**

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, and we praise You especially for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by His sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by His resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly— Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -  
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san -  
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*The Words of Institution (spoken by the Pastor)*

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

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your



peace. A - men. A - men.

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.

The Distribution Hymn: CW 312 “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

The Song of Simeon

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final note of the piece is a half note with a fermata, indicating a pause.

**C** In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de -  
part ac - cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal-  
va - tion, which you have pre-pared for ev-'ry peo - ple, a  
light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the  
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

P: We give thanks, Lord our God, that in this sacrament You have again assured us of the forgiveness of our sins. Grant that the faith in our hearts may be demonstrated in the living out of our days, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.**

The Closing Hymn: CWS 756 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

Announcements

## Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

*Cleaning this Week: LaPlante*

**Today— Communion Service at 9:30 AM**

Tone Chimes Demo at 10:45 AM

Outreach meeting in the New Life Café at 10:45 AM

**Wednesday—**Preschool Playdate from 10:00 – 11:00 AM

**Next Sunday— Worship at 9:30 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.

This past week Tree of Life Lutheran Preschool had its orientation meeting, which was well attended. At the current time, Tree of Life has 28 students enrolled for class which begins the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of September.

Tree of Life also had a final visit from the DCFS licensor, a woman by the name of Donna Shaw. She promised that the program will be licensed by the start of the school year. The license initially is a provisional, lasting for six months. Then, when fully licensed, the license lasts for three years.

The northern parking lot was scheduled to be ground down and replaced this past week. Due to mechanical problems experienced by the paver, the re-paving didn't take place, but will take place this week.

Confirmation class for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will begin on Sunday, September 9, at 6:00 PM.

### 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. TODAY is the last day to try it out! If you have any questions, please contact Joan James.

**Our Faithfulness to God's Word**

**Last Sunday: 56**

