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me & my
House
we will

SERVE THE

Lord

-JOSHUA 24:15

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...rooted in the word, growing in faith, reaching out to our uprooted world.

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost **August 25, 2024**

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 lower level 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 fellowship hall 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. The service is also simulcast on the church's Facebook page.

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.

<p><u>Before Service Prayer:</u> In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. Into Your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen. <i>(Luther's Morning Prayer)</i></p>
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Today's Theme: **I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE -- THE ONLY FOOD WE REALLY NEED**

As Jesus concluded His Bread of Life discourse, many said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" and walked away. Read carefully. They did not say the teaching was hard to understand. The meaning was clear enough. Jesus was teaching that the only chance to enjoy eternity in heaven is through a close connection to Him. He is the only bread that gives eternal life. That isn't hard to understand, but it is hard to accept. Eating this bread means reordering our lives so that Jesus is by far our highest priority. It means loving the Blesser infinitely more than His earthly blessings. It means realizing that Jesus is the only thing we really need. If we had nothing but Him, we would not lack anything that ultimately matters.

Jesus watches the multitudes walking away from Him. He turns to the Twelve—He turns to us this week—and He whispers, "You do not want to leave Me too, do you?" May the Spirit give us the wisdom to answer, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 606 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” (CW 169)

Invocation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
C: And also with you.

Confession and Absolution Psalm 34:8–10

P: Fear the Lord, you His saints;
C: those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. 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: He who began this good work in you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.
C: And also with you.

The Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all Your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from Your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.
C: Christ, have mercy.


P: For the well-being of Your holy church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by Your power and keep us in Your tender care.
C: Amen.

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; His name is worthy of praise!



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,




you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,




but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

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you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First Lesson: **Joshua 24:1-2,14-18** – Joshua asks the Israelites to remain faithful to God who had brought them out of Egypt. The LORD was the only God they needed or wanted.

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

² Joshua said to all the people....¹⁴ "Now fear the Lord and serve Him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! ¹⁷ It was the Lord our God Himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸ And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because He is our God." (NIV 2011)

P: The Word of the Lord.

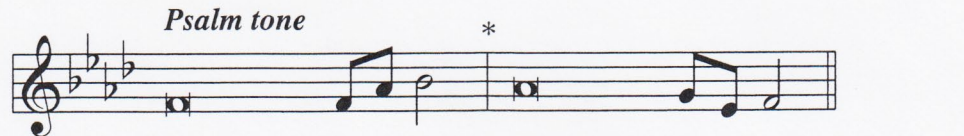
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: 119b (The refrain echoes the words of St. Peter from today's Gospel.)

Refrain



Psalm tone *



Teach me, O LORD, to follow [´]your decrees;*
then I will keep them [´]to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law*
and obey it with [´]all my heart.

Direct me in the path of [´]your commands,*
for there I find delight.

Refrain

Turn my eyes away from [´]worthless things;*
preserve my life according [´]to your Word.

Fulfill your promise to your [´]servant,*
so that you [´]may be feared.

How I long for your [´]precepts!*
Preserve my life in your [´]righteousness.

**Glory be to the Father and [´]to the Son*
and to the Holy [´]Spirit,
as it was in the [´]beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. [´]Amen.**

Refrain

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:24-28 – In faith Moses chose to be part of the people of God rather than remaining an Egyptian prince. Being with Christ in the true Promised Land was all Moses needed or wanted.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw Him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. (NIV 2011)

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

P: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

Gospel Lesson: John 6:60-69 – When many left, the Twelve stayed with Jesus, who had the words of eternal life. The Holy One of God was all they needed or wanted.

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

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

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of His disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

⁶¹ Aware that His disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where He was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives

life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ 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. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless the Father has enabled them."

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

⁶⁷ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise be to You O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: CWS 735 "Speak, O Lord"

Sermon

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.

Offering

The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord's Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life's website.



Prayer of the Church

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.

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 right to give Him thanks and praise.

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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Words of Institution (Spoken by the Pastor.)

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

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

C: 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.

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: “Blessed Jesus, Living Bread” (CW93 183)

**Blessed Jesus, living Bread, By Your self our souls are fed:
Give us all the eyes to see All that You were sent to be.**

**No more perfect food is there Than the food You came to share,
Not to be admired alone, Lest one spurn it for a stone.**

**On that table made of wood Lies our sacramental food:
“Take and eat and live” You call, “Here is life for each and all!”**

**Ah, what welcome words You speak: Comfort to revive the weak,
God’s own wisdom, hope, and cheer Starving souls are blest to hear.**

**Word Incarnate, Word divine Word that comes in bread and wine:
Love that we have come to know: Lord, to whom else shall we go?**

**We are in that crowd You fed With Your blest, abundant Bread.
Moved by every human care, Bless the Bread we eat and share.**

Thank the Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: Of Your goodness, O Lord, You have bestowed upon us the bread that nourishes our bodies and the bread of life that nurtures us to life everlasting. Grant that what You have begun in us You may also bring to fulfillment on that day when distance shall no longer divide us and we shall be one people in Your presence forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Blessing

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: CW 736 "Lord, You Call Us as Your People" (CWS 763)

**Lord, You call us as Your people, out of darkness into light.
You created and redeemed us, made us precious in Your sight.
Give us faith to trust You boldly and to love You steadfastly.
By Your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.**

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Lord, You call us as disciples, walking on Your pilgrim way.
Crucified and risen Savior, You are with us ev'ry day.
Give us wisdom, give us courage as You teach us patiently.
By Your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.

Lord, you send us to the harvest in Your Great Commission's call,
Reaching out to all the nations, brining life and hope to all.
Give us boldness and compassion, bless us with Your eyes to see.
By Your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Sarvady

Today—Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Communion Service at 9:30 AM
Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Wednesday—Preschool Play Date from 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

Next Sunday—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Service at 9:30 AM
Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Monday—Labor Day

FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP SHEET

A new sign-up sheet has been posted for providing something to eat and drink after the Sunday service. The sheet covers July 2024 through October 2024.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of Sunday, August 18th we have received \$26,932 in offerings for the current fiscal year. This places us \$5,130 behind the budget, a mild improvement compared to last week.

PRESCHOOL TOY CLEANING PARTY

Thanks to everyone who helped with cleaning and sanitizing the preschool toys this past week in preparation for the new school year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS—TEACHERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 8. Sunday School starts at 10:45 AM and ends at 11:45 AM on Sunday mornings. Pastor Bauer is trying to put together a rotation of as many teachers as possible to take responsibility for teaching the kids of New Life about Jesus. If you are willing to be part of that rotation, please speak to Pastor Bauer

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Adult Bible class will resume on Sunday, September 8. Adult Bible class starts at 10:45 AM and ends at 11:45 AM on Sunday mornings.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Men's Bible class will resume on September 13 at 11:30 AM.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The first 7th and 8th grade confirmation class will be held on Sept. 8 at 6:00 PM.

BAPTISM

Yesterday, Ivy Kailani Engbrecht, daughter of Tom and Kristen Engbrecht, granddaughter of Jim and Cynthia Smith, was baptized at New Life.

ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S READINGS

In all three readings this week, the people discussed are believers who came to faith entirely through the gracious working of the Spirit. So the choice, empowered by faith, is to continue craving spiritual food, to nourish our faith through the Means God had provided. St. John does not refer to those who left Jesus as hypocrites. He calls them disciples. They genuinely wanted to follow Jesus, but when Jesus explains what that entails, they leave. This is a temptation for many today. Luther paraphrased the attitude of these disciples: "To be sure, we will let You give us food and drink, but we cannot tolerate that You try and teach us and pose as our Master" (LW 23, p30). It really gets to the question of why people are following Jesus at all. Do they want the blessings or the Blesser?