



New Life Ev. Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

“The First Family”

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A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entryway 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 entryway. 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 that is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the “Run, Hide, Fight” response in an emergency.



Before Service Prayer: Heavenly Father, we praise You for the gift of marriage, in which You unite a man and a woman as a team. Today, as we hear about the first married couple, lead us to see Your continued will for our marriages and make us eager to follow Your will. Amen.

Today's Service: *Morning Praise, NPH; used with permission under the OneLicense.net copyright agreement #A-800156 and under CCLI license #1132777. The service is a revision of the historic Order of Matins. Matins (comes from the Latin matutinus meaning “of the morning”) was the monastic service marking the beginning of the new day. In Morning Praise we sing back to God the message He has given us in His word.*

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Today's Theme: Today many people see marriage as little more than a human custom. As such, they feel they are free to establish their own rules for it. Even when a man and a woman feel as if they are made for each other, they often consider marriage itself unnecessary. Instead of being “for as long as we both shall live,” marriage has become “for as long as we both feel like it.” Others consider God's roles for husbands and wives to be irrelevant and outdated. None of this changes God's will for marriage. He still wants one man and one woman to remain faithful to each other for as long as they both shall live. He wants the husband to be the loving leader and his wife to be his loving helper. And He wants both to find joy within these roles.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 247 "Earth and All Stars"

Remain seated

Made for Each Other

Invocation and Opening Sentences (from Ephesians 5)

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

Congregation: Amen.

P: Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

WOMEN: Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the Savior.

MEN: Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her. . . . In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies.

ALL: For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.

P: This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

MEN: However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself,

WOMEN: And the wife must respect her husband.

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, mighty Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived up to our calling as Your faithful people. So often we have done the evil You forbid and too many times have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy on us, merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all wrongs that need Your grace, and with the power of the Holy Spirit direct us to serve You faithfully all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: If this is our heartfelt confession, then there is good news for us! The heavenly Father sent us His Son Jesus to atone for our sins. In Him, God's kingdom has already come among us! This does not come to us because we confess it, but because God's grace, God's choice, God's intervention in Jesus saves us from our sins. Do you believe this?

C: I do so believe.

P: Because of Christ's redemptive work, we are a redeemed and forgiven people. Therefore, 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. This very forgiveness is God's good news for us today, for tomorrow, for forever.

C: Amen.

Stand

(We sing words from Psalm 70)

L O Lord, o - pen my lips.

C And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

L Hasten to save me, O God.

C O Lord, come quickly to help me.

L Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

(We sing words from Psalm 95 in a song called the "Venite")

L Refrain

C Refrain



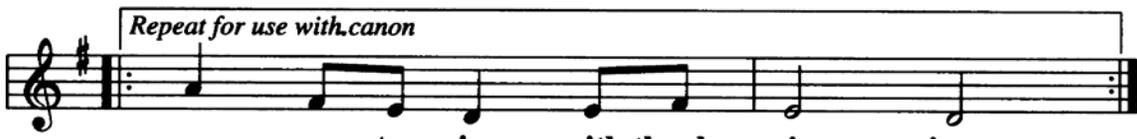
Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,



let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;



come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,



come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.



L 1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.



You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,



you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

The First Lesson: **Genesis 2:18-25** (*God creates Eve and institutes marriage.*)

¹⁸ The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib He had taken out of the man, and He brought her to the man.

²³ The man said, “This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called ‘woman,’
for she was taken out of man.”

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame. (NIV 2011)

Psalm of the Day: **Psalm 127**

P: Unless the LORD builds the house,
C: the builders labor in vain.

P: Unless the LORD watches over the city,
C: the guards stand watch in vain.

P: In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—
C: for He grants sleep to those He loves.

P: Children are a heritage from the LORD,
C: offspring a reward from Him.

P: Like arrows in the hands of a warrior
C: are children born in one’s youth.

P: Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.
C: They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.

The Epistle Lesson: **1 Peter 3:1-7** (*Peter, a married man, gives instructions to Christian husbands and wives. When he asks husbands to treat their wives with respect as the weaker partner, he surely has in mind the physical differences between men and women.*)

Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, ² when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. ³ Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. ⁴ Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight. ⁵ For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, ⁶ like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

⁷ Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. (NIV 2011)

Stand

The Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 19:3-6** (*When answering a question about marriage, Jesus returns to what He established in the beginning.*)

³ Some Pharisees came to Him to test Him. They asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?”

⁴ “Haven’t you read,” He replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ ⁵ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” (NIV 2011)

The Hymn of the Day: “**O Father, All Creating**”

**O Father, all creating, Whose wisdom, love, and pow’r
First bound two lives together In Eden’s primal hour,
Today to Your dear children Your earliest gifts renew;
A home by You made happy, A love by You kept true.**

**With good wine, Lord, at Cana The wedding feast You blessed,
Grant all of us your presence, And be our dearest guest.
Our store of earthly gladness Transform to heavenly wine,
And teach us in our testing, To know the gift divine.**

**O Spirit of the Father, Breathe on us from above,
So searching in Your pureness, So tender in Your love
That, guarded by Your presence And kept from strife and sin,
Our hearts may heed your guidance And know You dwell within.**

**Unless You build it, Father, The house is built in vain;
Unless you, Savior, bless it, The joy will turn to pain.
But nothing breaks the union Of hearts in You made one;
The love Your Spirit hallows, Is endless love begun. (*tune CW 372*)**

The Sermon

(After the sermon, we stand and sing the "Te Deum," an ancient and majestic canticle of the Christian church, a confession of faith, a mighty hymn of praise to God. Luther loved the Te Deum and referred to it as a fine creed.)

The Te Deum

L Refrain

C Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



L 1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **C** We praise you, we
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! **L** With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **C** We
You be - came a man to set us free;



L With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
 praise you, we praise you! O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **C** We
 You have ris - en to free us;



L With the mar - tyrs and your
 praise you, we praise you! To the Trin - i - ty most
 And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church, *to Refrain*
 bless - ed, **C** We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*
 glo - ry, *to Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



C You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

The Offering

The Offertory

The Offering Prayer

The Kyrie

L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;
be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical notation consists of four staves in G major. The first staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'L'. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'C'. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

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 Prayer of the Church

The Prayer for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Fa-ther, almighty and everlasting God, you have
brought us safely to this new day. De - fend us with
your might - y power, and grant that this day we neither
fall into sin nor run into an-y kind of danger; and in

The musical notation consists of four staves in G major. The first staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'L'. The second staff continues the melody. The third and fourth staves continue the text.

all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight,
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **C** A - men.

L Let us praise the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

L The Lord bless and keep you.

C A - men.

L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.

C A - men.

L The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

C A - men.

Closing Hymn: CW 260 “Let All Things Now Living”

Announcements

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week
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Cleaning this Week: Berg / Bolzman

Today— Worship Service at 9:30 AM
Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup at 11:00 AM

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

Friday—Men’s Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Next Sunday— Communion Service at 9:30 AM
Church Council at 11:00 AM

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. A NEW SIGN-UP SHEET HAS BEEN POSTED FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS! Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level.

Adopt-a-Highway was cancelled on Sunday, May 20th. The cleanup is rescheduled for TODAY AT 11:00 AM.

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of August 6-10. The theme for VBS this year is “Written in Stone: A 10 Commandments VBS.”

John Lester, the Stewardship Chairman, has updated the Parking Lot Fund chart. Currently we are 50% of the way toward meeting our goal. The goal is to get the lot repaved by September. Please participate in this effort to get our upper parking lot repaved. Included in your offering packet is a monthly envelope for the parking lot project.

Brent Anderson designed the new banners in the parking lot. Pat Dexter got them printed and John Landenberger hung them this past Tuesday. Thanks to all, the banners advertising the preschool look great!

Two new road signs were ordered and installed where the old road signs were on Rand Road. The new road signs are larger and include mention of our preschool.

During the summer months, New Life will offer a mid-week Bible class on Wednesday nights starting at 7:00 PM. Wednesday night Bible class will take up a nine-part study of the Old Testament book of Esther. Make it part of your summer schedule to study a book of the Bible with fellow members on Wednesday nights this summer!

Fliers for Training Camp, which will be held the week of July 22nd, are located on the table in the entryway. Be sure to register ASAP. Boys are especially needed to fill up their cabins.

Our Faithfulness to God’s Word Last Sunday: 43

Special Voter's Meeting Scheduled

The church council would like to notify members of New Life that a special voter's meeting has been called for **Sunday, June 24, 2018.** The meeting will be held in the Chapel immediately following Sunday morning fellowship.

The purpose of this meeting is to present the voters of our congregation with a recommendation from the church council to amend ARTICLE III, Section 3 of our Constitutional BY-LAWS. ARTICLE III, Section 3 addresses Term of Office. **Current wording:** "The term of office for each church council member shall be three years. No council member shall serve more than two consecutive terms."

Proposed wording for the new recommendation: "The term of office for each church council member shall be TWO years. There will be no limit to the number of terms served.

As you consider this recommendation, please be mindful that it has become increasingly difficult in recent years to recruit new council members. The church council feels reducing the term from three years to two years may make serving on church council more attractive to some. And, under the new recommendation, council members that have successfully served will have the opportunity to remain on council without "termining out" only to be nominated again one year later.

After much thought, the church council has determined that amending ARTICLE III, Section 3 at this time is clearly the right thing to do. It is our hope that this change will attract more members to serve while allowing us to better utilize the leadership talents that we have.

Please give this recommendation prayerful thought along with your vote of acceptance on Sunday, June 24, 2018. Feel free to discuss this recommendation in detail with members of our church council.

New Life Church Council