

**New Life Ev. Lutheran Church
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...rooted in the word, growing in faith, reaching out to our uprooted world.

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**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 28
A Day of Terror for All Those Who Troubled God’s People
November 13, 2022**

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.

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Today’s Theme: Our world is full of victims of abuse, violence, and oppression. In many cases, this evil goes unnoticed or unpunished. Injustice can drive victims in two possible directions. They can be filled with despair over the unfairness of the situation. Or they can be filled with hatred and a desire for revenge. While Christians wait for Christ’s return on the Last Day, they are by no means the only ones who suffer at the hands of others. They are, however, often included among them. Believers have always faced opposition from a world who rejects the One we believe in. When we suffer, what are our options? Do we throw up our hands in despair? Do we take matters into our own hands and seek vengeance? The certainty of that Last Day gives us a better option. We can leave justice up to the Judge. We can be confident that on the Last Day every wrong will be righted. We can look forward to the Last Day—also known as Judgment Day—because we are confident of where we stand with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

OPENING HYMN **CW 495 “The King Shall Come” (CWS 775)**

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The Lord is faithful.
People: **He establishes us and guards us against Satan.**

Pastor: We can be confident in the Lord and His love for us.
People: **May He grant us quiet lives free from trouble.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In our lives, we struggle to follow Jesus' example of love, steadfastness, and faith. We have sown hatred, shown laziness, and known many doubts. We have not kept our eyes fixed on Jesus. Yet our heavenly Father invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,
People: **we have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and actions. Help us to serve in joy and love. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back to You, on account of Jesus. Lord, have mercy.**

After each of the prayers are sung by the first soloist, the second soloist will sing the first half of the response and the congregation will repeat what has just been sung. Kyrie (or Christe) eleison means, "Lord, have mercy."

Soloist:

- 1) Lord Jesus, You raise us to new life:
- 2) Lord Jesus, You forgive us our sins:
- 3) Lord Jesus, You feed us with Your body and blood:



1. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,
2. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,
3. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,



Ky - ri - e. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e -
Chri - ste. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, e -
Ky - ri - e. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e -



le - i - son, Ky - ri - e.
le - i - son, Chri - ste.
le - i - son, Ky - ri - e.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives 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.

People: Amen. We are forgiven by the steadfast love of Christ.

GLORY TO GOD

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

Congregation sings the refrain and if the congregation wants, the verses as well. Please note that on the final refrain, the ending moves to the "Coda."

Glo-ry to God in the high - est!

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

Last time to Coda ☩

in the high-est! Peace to his peo - ple on earth!

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. **(Refrain)**

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)**

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 God the Father. **(Refrain)**

Sing the final refrain twice. Conclude the second time by singing the music marked with the Coda:

☩ Coda

Peace on earth!

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, You are always faithful. As we await Your promised return, help us to recognize Your gifts in this life so that we may serve You in confidence and quietness, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

✂ WORD ✂

OLD TESTAMENT READING Malachi 4:1-6 – On the Last Day, those who opposed God will be laid low, but all God's people will be healed.

"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ² But for you who revere My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. ³ Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act," says the LORD Almighty.

⁴ "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵ "See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. ⁶ He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction." (NIV 2011)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Refrain

The Word be - came flesh and lived a - mong us.

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

Psalm Tone

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

The LORD has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Refrain

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;

make music to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing.

Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.
He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

**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

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 – God promises that on the Last Day all those who troubled His holy people will themselves be eternally troubled.

⁵All this is evidence that God’s judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. ⁶God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you ⁷and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with His powerful angels. ⁸He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His might ¹⁰on the day He comes to be glorified in His holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you. (NIV 2011)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation:

The soloist sings the refrain first. The congregation repeats. The soloist sings the verses. Repeat the refrain as indicated.



Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening; You have the words of everlasting life. **(Refrain)**

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life. **(Refrain)**

The word of God became flesh and lived with us. All who believe are children of God. **(Refrain)**

Stand

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 21:5-19 – Jesus tells us what the world will be like for believers before the Last Day.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

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

⁵ Some of His disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶ "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

⁷ "Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

⁸ He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in My name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

¹⁰ Then He said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of My name. ¹³ And so you will bear testimony to Me. ¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life. (NIV 2011)

After the minister concludes the reading of the Gospel, he says:

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord!
People: **Praise be to You, O Christ!**

Sit

HYMNN OF THE DAY **CW 809** "Do Not Let Your Hearts be Troubled" (CWS 759)

SERMON

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.**

(cont...)

**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.**

THE 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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.** (spoken)

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: 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 by His resurrection from the grave guards us from the evil one, winning for us eternal life, and who continues to direct our hearts to the love of God and to His steadfastness. 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

All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION__ (spoken by the pastor)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
repeat as needed

sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
repeat as needed

sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, grant us peace.

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

CW 488 “The Day is Surely Drawing Near” (CW 207)

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
People: And His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Meal. Keep our eyes fixed on You and the steadfastness of Your Son, whose body and blood has forgiven our sins; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN CW 924 “Abide, O Dearest Jesus” (CW 333)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Bauer / Spangle

Today— Pentecost 23, Proper 28 Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Sunday School at 10:45 AM, Adult Bible Class in the New Life Café

Confirmation Class at 6:30 PM

Tuesday—Tone Chime Choir rehearsal at 7:00 PM

Wednesday—Long Range Planning Seminar #3 at 7:00 PM

Adopt-a-Sailor organizational meeting at 8:20 PM

Friday—Men’s Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Sunday—Last Sunday in the Christian Church Year Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible class in the Café at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

DEBT REDUCTION

July through December of this year the congregation is making an effort to reduce the debt on our education addition. The chart in the entryway will indicate our progress. Gifts given for this purpose can be marked “debt reduction.” Please remember that this effort is an “above and beyond” effort. We are trying to do two things: meet our budget and also reduce our debt.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SEMINAR

The third of three strategic planning seminars will take place on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 PM. All the members of the congregation are invited to attend. This seminar will bring together the information gathered in the first two seminars. Even if you didn’t attend either of the first two seminars, your attendance at the third is vital.

PLANNING MEETING FOR ADOPT-A-SAILOR

The Navy has confirmed that New Life will be given 28 Naval recruits for Thanksgiving Day. Beelow's Steakhouse is catering the meal at no charge. All the major elements for the day have been lined up. However, a planning meeting is needed. That meeting will take place after the Strategic Planning Seminar on Wednesday, November 16. The meeting will begin when the seminar ends, at 8:15 PM.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Bible has a lot to say about the subject of "rest" and the kind of rest God intends to give His people. The Old Testament word Sabbath means, "rest." Men's Bible class meets on Fridays at 11:30 AM and includes lunch. All men of the congregation are invited to attend or start attending.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are rebuilding Sunday Morning Bible Class attendance as we focus our attention on the grace God showed to His idolatrous people Israel by sending the prophet Elijah to work in their midst. At a time of religious apostasy, when Elijah thought he was the only believer left in Israel, God reminded him that God has preserved for Himself several thousand who had not bowed the knee to Baal. Bible class begins at 10:45 AM in the New Life Café.

THANKSGIVING DAY POSTCARD

Brent Anderson printed some beautiful Thanksgiving Eve / Day post cards to be used to invite friends and neighbors to our two-day event. Postcards can be found on the table in the entryway. Hand the postcard in your bulletin to a friend / neighbor. If you mail the invite, it requires one of those two-ounce stamps.

STONE SOUP

After the Thanksgiving Eve service, New Life will have a stone soup supper and the traditional reading of the story entitled, "Stone Soup." A list of ingredients for the soup has been posted. If you'd like to bring an ingredient—an ingredient that get combined with others and cooked during the service—use the sign-up sheet.