



*"Freely* you have received;  
freely *give.*"

MATTHEW 10:8

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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. 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.*

*Covid-19 Precautions / Reminders:*

1. Every other pew will be taped off to create social distance.
2. Weather permitting, the windows will be open to create as much airflow as possible.
3. The hymnals have been removed from the pews. The hymns will be sung out of the bulletin.
4. Worshippers are asked to pick up their own bulletin and take it home with them.
5. Offerings will be placed in the plate on the podium before or after the service.
6. The use of masks is encouraged but not mandatory. Masks are available in the entryway.
7. For Holy Communion, a different method of distribution will be used, which will be explained by the pastor during the service.
8. The pastor won't shake hands after the service.
9. Something to eat and drink will be offered after the service today in the fellowship hall, which has been cleared of tables and chairs to make social distancing possible.

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## God Comforts His People with His Forgiveness

**THEME FOR TODAY'S SERVICE:** The Holy Ministry is given by God out of compassion for His people. Over the next three Sundays we hear Jesus' Missionary Discourse (Matthew 10:5-42). Last Sunday we saw the unworthiness of the servants God calls by mercy. Today the emphasis is still on the Ministry of the Word, but the focus shifts from the servants to the people they serve. We see the compassion and love of God for this world, love so great that He called ministers of the Word to share His grace and mercy and foretell of the coming kingdom of heaven. The Prayer of the Day fits the Sunday beautifully as it emphasizes how God protects us, empowers us, and sanctifies us through the ministry of the Word that shows us mercy and forgiveness and leads us to the glory of heaven. The Verse of the Day is an excellent match: ministers clothed by God make the saints rejoice!

*(Christian hymns preach Jesus Christ: crucified, risen and seated at God's right hand.)*

**HYMN CWS 735 "Speak, O Lord"**

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To receive the food of Your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us All Your purposes, for Your glory.**

**Teach us Lord full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, Cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, as Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory.**

*Please stand.*

*(The work of worship belongs to every Christian. Each of us stands as a priest before God.)*

**INVOCATION**

*(The sign of the cross may be made by those present in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: (spoken) Amen.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

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(1 John 1:8-9)

**M:** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

**C: according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

**M:** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

**C: and cleanse me from my sin! Psalm 51:1, 2**

**M:** Let us then confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.

**M & C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we poor sinners beseech You to hear our words of repentance. We have sinned against You and have transgressed Your commands in thought, word, and deed. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for all of our sins, both known and unknown to us. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Savior. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may walk as Your forgiven and restored children here on earth until that time when we finally come into Your glorious heavenly presence.**

**ABSOLUTION**

(John 20:21-23)

*(“The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to His church on earth: to forgive the sins of the penitent sinners.” Luther’s Small Catechism: The Use of the Keys and Confession.)*

M: God has promised His mercy and forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in repentance and humility. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May our merciful Lord keep you steadfast in the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **KYRIE**

(Mark 10:47)

*(These are the words to the oldest canticle in the Christian church, the Kyrie.)*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from You all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of Your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in You, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of eternal life as we await Your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for You.

**C: Amen.**

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

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

**All glory be to God on high!  
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise You for Your peace and grace,  
Your favor toward our fallen race.**

**Our grateful thanks to You we bring,  
For Your great glory, heav’nly King,  
For all, O Father, You have done  
Through Jesus Christ, Your only Son.**

**O Lamb of God, to You we pray.  
You take all human sin away.  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;  
From God’s right hand, Your mercy share.**

**You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;  
The Father’s glory You made known.  
We by Your Spirit sing again:**

**“All glory be to God!” Amen. (tune, CW 582)**

## **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(The salutation is a Christian greeting, offered here for mutual encouragement as the congregation prepares to hear God’s word.)*

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: O God, protector of all the faithful, You alone make strong; You alone make holy. Show us Your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things You have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE WORD**

*[We sit at the feet of Jesus like Mary did, to hear His word (Luke 10:42).]*

**FIRST LESSON    NUMBERS 27:15-23** *(After forty years of faithfully leading God’s people through their wanderings, after much pleading with God in prayer, Moses’ hopes of leading the people into the Promised Land were dashed. Moses would see the land from afar, but then like his brother before him, he would die because of his actions at Meribah Kadesh. But look at Moses’ response! There is no complaint or murmur or cry. See how this minister of the Word emulates the compassion of God and His Son: Moses’ first thought is of the people of God. He saw them as Christ would 1400 years later, as sheep without a shepherd. Leave them not leaderless, O Lord! And God answers with a man full of the Spirit to be the new leader of God’s people. Lord, give Your Church more ministers who model Your compassion!)*

Moses said to the LORD, <sup>16</sup>“May the LORD, the God who gives breath to all living things, appoint someone over this community <sup>17</sup>to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the LORD’s people will not be like sheep without a shepherd.”

<sup>18</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit of leadership, and lay your hand on him. <sup>19</sup>Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence. <sup>20</sup>Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him. <sup>21</sup>He is to stand before Eleazar the priest, who will obtain decisions for him by inquiring of the Urim before the LORD. At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in.”

<sup>22</sup>Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole assembly. <sup>23</sup>Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as the LORD instructed through Moses. (NIV 2011)

**VERSE OF THE DAY** Alleluia. May Your priests be clothed with righteousness; may Your saints sing for joy. Alleluia. (Psalm 132:9)

*Please Stand*

*(The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.)*

M: The gospel according to Matthew the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**GOSPEL MATTHEW 9:35—10:8** *(The compassion of God for the lost and helpless sinner is the reason for Christ's work and the ministry of the Word. The people of Israel had been harassed by their spiritual leaders and left leaderless and helpless. Christ looked upon them and loved them, and then He called the twelve apostles to the ministry of the Word that they might shepherd these lost sheep. The disciples prayed for workers and found God's answer in the twelve men Christ sent out to be leaders of the true Israel and heralds of the coming kingdom. They would go with Jesus' message and Jesus' miracles. They would go by grace to share grace.)*

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

Jesus called His twelve disciples to Him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

<sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup> Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give. (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel:

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **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.**

*Please be seated.*

*(The Hymn of the Day is a hymn specially assigned to this day for its richness, its content and its connection to the day's Gospel.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY      CW 614 "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"**

**Sing to the Lord of harvest; Sing songs of love and praise.  
With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise.  
By Him the rolling seasons In fruitful order move;  
Sing to the Lord of harvest, A joyous song of love.**

**God makes the clouds rain goodness, The deserts bloom and spring,  
The hills leap up in gladness, The valleys laugh and sing.  
God fills them with His fullness All things with large increase;  
He crowns the year with blessing, With plenty, and with peace.**

**Bring to His sacred altar The gifts His goodness gave,  
The golden sheaves of harvest, The souls He died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before Him When at His feet you fall,  
And with your lives adore Him, Who gave His life for all.**

**THE SERMON**

**OFFERING**

*(Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer Him our first and our best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him. Visitors to our service can participate in this act of worship, but are not expected to. The offering can be placed in the plate on the podium either before or after the service.)*

**OFFERTORY**

*Please stand.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1)

### THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you. (spoken)**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: 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; for You have mightily governed and protected Your Holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with prophets, apostles, and evangelists, with the Holy Church throughout the world, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS** (*Latin for "Holy," tune CW 388*)

(Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9)

**O holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven  
In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us,  
Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in Your grace and mercy  
Receive our fervent cry.**

**Hosanna in the highest!  
How truly blest is He  
Who in God's name is coming  
To set His people free!  
He comes to bring salvation  
And with His blood outpoured,  
Deliver us from bondage—  
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(*Jesus took bread and "gave thanks" (Matthew 26:26).*)

M: 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. Hear us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we join in praying...

## LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

**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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

C: Amen.

## AGNUS DEI (*Latin for "Lamb of God,"*)

(John 1:29)

**C** Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us your peace. A - men.

*Please be seated.*

**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 pastor will explain the distribution process prior to the distribution.

**DISTRIBUTION**

During the distribution the congregation will sing CW 742 “What is This Bread?”

What is this bread? Christ's bod - y ris - en from the dead: This bread we break, this life we  
 What is this wine? The blood of Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace brings His em -  
 So who am I, that I should live and He should die Un - der the rod? My God, my  
 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul He makes us  
 Is this for me? I am for - giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve that I re -  
 take, Was crushed to pay for our re - lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.  
 brace Of life and love un - til I sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.  
 God, Why have You not for-sak - en me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.  
 whole— Christ, tru - ly pre - sent in this meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.  
 ceive His ver - y bod - y and His blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

*Please stand.*

**O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen Your promised  
Incarnate, saving Word—  
A Light that will enlighten  
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory  
Of those in Israel!**

**All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever three in one;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

#### **PRAYER**

M: Blessed are You, Almighty God, for You have shown Your faithfulness to us and granted us places at Your Table once again, where we have been fed and nourished by the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having now received this Holy Sacrament, we may leave this place eager to share the goodness of Your love both in word and in deeds of human kindness, with an eye toward the poor and needy. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

#### **BENEDICTION**

M: 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 573 "Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying"**

**Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?  
Fields are ripe and harvests waiting; Who will bear the sheaves away?"  
Loud and long the Master calleth, Rich reward He offers thee;  
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?**

**If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus; You can say He died for all  
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the Judgement's dread alarms,  
You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.**

**If you cannot be a watchman Standing high on Zion's wall,  
pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all,  
With your prayers and with your off'rings You can do what God demands;  
You can be like faithful Aaron Holding up the prophet's hands.**

**Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"  
While the multitudes are dying, And the Master calls for you:  
Take the task He gives you gladly; Let His work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me."**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bible Classes this week: Bible Class in the Basement will meet at 7:00 PM on Wednesday to continue our study of the book of Numbers; Men's Bible class will meet on Friday at 11:30 AM to continue our study of selected Psalms.

VBS will be held the week of July 27-31. You can register your child / children for VBS by going to <http://newlife-wels.org/vbs.htm> We already have around 26 kids signed up.

It appears Training Camp will take place this year. Registration deadline is June 20, the day t-shirts will be ordered. New Life parents are asked to pay the \$75 registration fee. The remaining \$250 is payed for by the congregation from Training Camp fund raising efforts. This is our way of sending "our" kids to camp.

New Life's Annual Voter's meeting will be held on Sunday, July 12 after the service. After the voter's meeting a box lunch will be offered along with a bean bag tournament, held inside or outside.

The New Life Nominating Committee has come with the following slate of candidates for fiscal year 2020-21. Joe Berg, John Lester, Ken Sarvady, Brent Anderson and Mike Spangle, incumbents, have all consented to be nominated for another two-year term. Toby James, who was on Church Council prior to departing for graduate school, is being appointed to fill a position on church council.

A fellowship sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board downstairs. In light of Covid-19, if you wish to bring something for fellowship, make sure it's individually wrapped.



