

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost **August 28, 2017**

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.

Before Service Prayer: Lord God, when Your people were led out of slavery in Egypt, You brought them to Your holy mountain and when You gave the Ten Commandments You warned them not to come near the mountain. But, You graciously invited 70 elders up the mountain and allowed them to "see" You. There they "ate and drank with You," and You didn't raise Your hand against them. We praise You that even today You invite Your people to dine with You at the Holy Supper. Here in this Supper we behold You "face to face." Grant that we may humbly accept Your gracious invitation and always consider it one of the greatest privileges of our lives to dine with our gracious God. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Today's Theme:

Bulletin Cover Art: By the Australian artist, Robert Juniper "This is the blood of the covenant." (Ex. 24:8)

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: **"The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"** (CW 135 selected verses, sung to CW 541)

**The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress, Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.**

**That this forever true shall be He gives a solemn guarantee:
In this His holy Supper here We taste His love so sweet, so near.**

**His Word proclaims, and we believe That in this Supper we receive
His very body, as He said, His very blood for sinners shed.**

**A precious food is this indeed,-- It never fails us in our need,--
A heav'nly manna for our soul, Until we safely reach our goal.**

**Oh, blest is each believing guest Who in this promise finds His rest;
For Jesus will in love abide With those who do in Him confide.**

**The guest that comes with true intent To turn to God and to repent,
To live for Christ to die to sin, Will thus a holy life begin.**

**Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.**

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

P: God invites us to come into His presence and worship Him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask Him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.**

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.



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 mer - cy.

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 mer - cy.

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



C: A - men.

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;
 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: O Lord, in the wondrous Sacrament of Holy Communion You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be on display in our lives; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The First Lesson: Exodus 24:1-11 (Amid all the frightening sights and sounds at Sinai, two important things take place. The two-sided covenant is sealed with blood after the people promise to do everything the Lord has commanded. Then, in a surreal scene, God invites Aaron and his sons along with 70 elders and Moses to have supper with Him.)

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance, ²but Moses alone is to approach the LORD; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him.”

³When Moses went and told the people all the LORD’s words and laws, they responded with one voice, “Everything the LORD has said we will do.” ⁴Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. ⁶Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. ⁷Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey.”

⁸Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

⁹Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli (sapphire), as bright blue as the sky. ¹¹But God did not raise His hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank. (NIV 2011)

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. Alleluia. (1 Cor. 11:26)

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

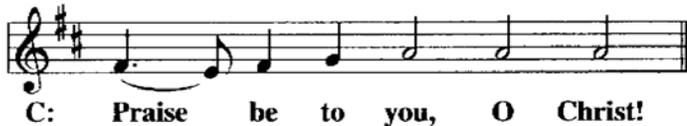
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 26:26-30 (As Jesus gives His disciples the cup, He declares, “This is the blood of the covenant,” not the blood that sealed a two-sided covenant like the one at Sinai, but the blood of Jesus that serves as a guarantee that God’s one-sided covenant to forgive and remember sin no more has been sealed.)

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus 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."

²⁷Then He took a cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

³⁰When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Be seated

Hymn of the Day: "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" CW 309

The Sermon

Stand

Confession of Faith: **Holy Communion** (from Luther's Small Catechism)

P: The Institution of Holy Communion

First: What is the sacrament of Holy Communion?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

C: The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the Apostle Paul tell us: 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."

P: The Blessings of Holy Communion

Second: What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking?

C: That is shown us by these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

P: The Power of Holy Communion

Third: How can eating and drinking do such great things?

C: It is certainly not the eating and drinking that does such things, but the words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins."

These words are the main thing in this sacrament, along with the eating and drinking.

And whoever believes these words has what they plainly say, the forgiveness of sins.

P: The Reception of Holy Communion

Fourth: Who, then, is properly prepared to receive this sacrament?

C: Fasting and other outward preparations may serve a good purpose, but he is properly prepared who believes these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins."

But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words "for you" require nothing but hearts that believe.

Be Seated

The Offering

Stand

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 al - so 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: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under His feet for the benefit of the church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

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.

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: We give You thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that You give us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. We pray that through this precious gift of Yourself You would feed our faith, nourish our hope, and strengthen our love that we may live as Your people now and as Your guests forever at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

The Closing Hymn: "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee" CW 316

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: LaPlante

Today—Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Wednesday—NO MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Preschool Playdate from 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Bible Class in the Basement at 7:00 PM

Next Sunday— Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level.

Upcoming Events: Sunday School Round-Up and picnic and the start of Sunday adult Bible class on September 10. Friendship Sunday September 10. Confirmation class begins September 17.

Mrs. Lori, our preschool teacher, has posted a “needs list” for the upcoming school year. Please sign your name next to the item you'd like to buy and donate to preschool. Or, if that is not convenient, simply put a cash donation or check payable to “Tree of Life Lutheran Preschool” in the envelope on the bulletin board downstairs.

Our Faithfulness to God's Word Last Sunday—54

Friendship Sunday, September, 10 Persistence, Part I

In Luke 18 Jesus tells the story of the persistent widow. The widow in the story had a grievance which she brought to a judge who ignored her. She kept after the judge until he granted her justice. Jesus uses the story to teach you and me to, “Always pray and not give up.” (Luke 18:1)

What is true about prayer is also true when it comes to inviting unchurched friends and neighbors to learn about Jesus. A Friendship Sunday serves as a good reminder about the importance of being an inviting congregation. However, Friendship Sunday or not, believers in Jesus will express their desire that all come to faith in Jesus by regularly inviting those who don't know or believe in Jesus to come to church.

Have you ever invited someone to join you for worship? What happened? More than likely the person you invited didn't come. Some say that you need to invite someone 7-10 times before they will come. In the meantime, somewhere between the first and seventh invitation, you give up. You think, “I don't want to be a pest.”

What Jesus said about prayer is also true about inviting people to come to hear about Jesus: “Always invite and don't give up.” Not giving up shows the person you are inviting that what you are promoting is important and has to do with things eternal. Not giving up shows that you have a love like Jesus' love for you, a love that doesn't grow weary and give up.

So, “Always invite and don't give up!”

