

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church Lake Zurich, IL

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Friendship Sunday September 10, 2017

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.

Before Service Prayer: Jesus, while sleeping in a storm tossed boat, Your panicked disciples feared for their lives and woke You from Your sleep. You stood up, rebuked the wind and wave, and instantly, the sea was calm. As Creator, You have power over nature. We ask that You would exert Your power over nature for the sake of our country. Keep violent storms from our shores. Prevent the violence of nature from taking lives and destroying property. Grant that those affected by violent weather may find rescue and relief and make it possible for the citizens of this country to rally to the support of those affected. Send Your holy angels to watch over our friends and relatives and fellow believers who live in areas affected by violent weather. We present our petition in Your name. Amen.

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Theme for Today's Service: Most people today are talking about the weather and trying to predict the weather. More important than weather prediction is not your self-made prediction about your future, but God's prediction for you—base on the ultimate sign of Jesus' resurrection—a prediction pertaining to your eternal future.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CWS 735 "Speak, O Lord"

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

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

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.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

Glory to God

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

Soloist sings the refrain. Congregation repeats the refrain and sings it again as indicated throughout the song. The soloist will sing the verses.

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)**

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 Coda:

◆ Coda
Peace on earth!

Prayer of the Day

P & C: Lord Jesus, You told those who were good at predicting weather to stop asking for a sign from heaven, but to be content with the sign You gave, namely, Your resurrection from the dead. Grant that we, making use of Your holy word, might properly interpret the conditions we encounter in this world, put our trust in You and ultimately be saved. We ask this in Your name, for You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (Paul, in his opening chapter to the believers in the sophisticated metropolis of Corinth, reminded that every crowd has its “wants.” Jews wanted signs and Greeks wanted philosophical wisdom. Instead of giving the people what they wanted, He gave the people what they needed, Christ, the wisdom and power of God.)

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know Him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. (NIV 2011)

Choir Selection: Psalm 63

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

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)**

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:1-4 (The Sadducees and Pharisees wanted not just a sign, but a sign from heaven. Jesus pointed out the truth that they were able to interpret the weather on the basis of what they saw in nature. Unfortunately, they missed all the obvious signs around them that the Savior, God Himself, was walking among them, and would prove He was God by rising from the dead.)

The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested Him by asking Him to show them a sign from heaven. ² He replied, “When evening comes, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,’ ³ and in the morning, ‘Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. ⁴ A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah.” Jesus then left them and went away. (NIV 2011)

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

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day: CWS 752 “**In Christ Alone**”

The 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.

The Offering

The Offertory

The Prayer of the Church

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 Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

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

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 and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in His name, there He is with them to shepherd His flock till He comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

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!

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics "Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the". The second staff contains "Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,". The third staff contains "Ho - san - na in the high - est!". There is a triplet of eighth notes in the third staff.

Words of Institution

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

C: Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
repeat as needed
 sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics "Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The second staff contains "sins of the world, have mer - cy on us." and ends with a repeat sign.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
repeat as needed
 sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

This is an identical copy of the first instance of the "Lamb of God" score, consisting of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time.



Our Communion Practice

New Life Lutheran Church practices “close communion.” We ask that only members of New Life or other WELS churches partake of the sacrament. We ask our visitors to please respect our communion practice. If you desire to join us at the Lord’s Table in the future—and that is a wonderful desire—speak to the pastor to make your desire into a reality.

The Distribution Hymn: CW 315 “Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face”

Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: And His mercy endures forever.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it You will strengthen our faith in You and increase our love for one another. Grant that the love You inspire may take the form of love and concern for the souls of others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Blessing

P: 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.

Closing Hymn: CWS 727 “There Is a Higher Throne”

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Bauer / Spangle

Today— Friendship Sunday

Choir Practice at 8:45 AM

Communion Service at 9:30 AM

First Day of Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Round-Up Picnic at Noon

Monday and Tuesday—Pastors' Conference in Lexington , KY

Tuesday—Branch Connection at 7:00 PM

Wednesday—Men's Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Next Sunday—Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

WELCOME FRIENDS! A warm welcome to friends a family who have joined us for worship today! Sunday School and Bible Class will be held after church this morning. At noon we will be having an outdoor picnic with food, fellowship and fun. Everyone is welcome!

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.

On Sunday, August 27, Pastor Bauer received notice that he has received the call to be pastor at First Ev. Lutheran Church in Elkhorn, WI. Members of New Life should feel free to share with Pastor Bauer their thoughts on the call.

The Branch Connection is hosting a baby shower for Evelyn Henkel on Sunday, September 17th at Noon after Sunday School and Bible Class. Evie is registered at Amazon.com. Please bring a salad or side to share—sandwiches, punch and cake will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the lower level and plan to attend! All ladies and young girls of New Life are invited.

Confirmation Class begins on Sunday, September 17th at 6:00 PM.

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Fall WLCFS Educational Presentations— New Life Fall Parenting Series

New Life will once again host parenting seminars presented by counselors from WLCFS. Each of the three seminars will begin at 7:00 PM. There is no cost or obligation to attend. Here's a look at the upcoming topic for September:



Shaping Responsible Behavior—

Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00 PM

Presented by: Sarah Reik, MA, LPC

Description: In our current culture of blame-shifting and irresponsibility, it is especially important for parents to learn ways to shape responsible behavior in their children. This presentation will look at the benefits of responsible behavior, as well as specific examples and suggestions for parents to use as they shape responsibility through tasks, discipline, and service.