

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church
Lake Zurich, IL

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
“Joyful Generosity—Where Your Treasure Is”
October 1, 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: Jesus, You make me very uncomfortable today when You tell me to look at where my treasure is. You tell me that where my treasure is, I will find an indicator of where my heart is. When I do that--when I follow the money--I see that my heart is not with You. Forgive me for believing that I can serve God and money. Grant me Your Spirit, so that I may serve only You. Help me to realize today that by rearranging where I put my treasure, my heart will follow. I can't control my heart but I can control my treasure. By Your grace, enable me to use my treasure in such a way that it reveals the truth that my heart is with You. 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.

Today's Theme: Where Your Treasure Is

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 236 "All Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Remain seated

Invocation

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

Congregation: Amen.

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?

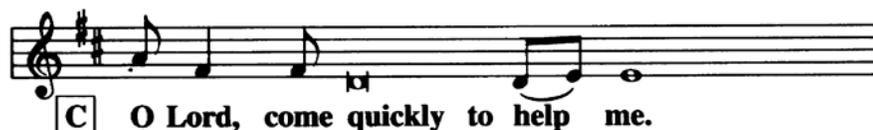
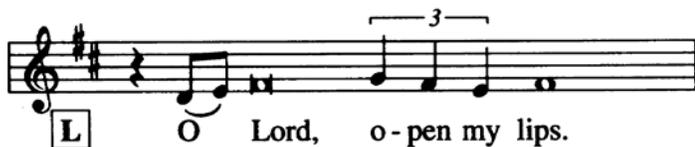
C: I do so believe.

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 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.



Verses

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: Daniel 6:10-23 (Daniel used the treasure of his high-ranking position and house and knees to show that his heart was with the true and living God.)

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹² So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?”

The king answered, “The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.”

¹³ Then they said to the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day.” ¹⁴ When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.

¹⁵ Then the men went as a group to King Darius and said to him, “Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed.”

¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed. ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

²¹ Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! ²² My God sent His angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in His sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. (NIV 2011)



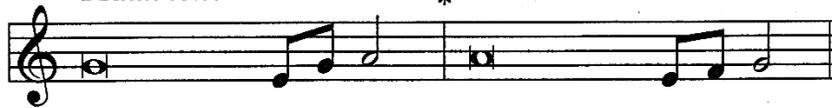
Psalm of the Day: **Psalm 146**

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.

Psalm tone



Praise the LORD, O my soul.*

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,*
in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,*
the maker of heaven and earth.

Refrain

The LORD gives food to the hungry,*
the LORD sets prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,*
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast*
and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful forever.*
He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

**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

*The Epistle Lesson: **Philippians 3:7-11** (Paul's treasure when he was a Pharisee was his devout life. All of that was now considered "garbage." All that now mattered to Paul was gaining Christ and being found in Him.)*

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ⁹ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. (NIV 2011)

Stand

*The Gospel Lesson: **Luke 12:27-34** (Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.)*

²⁷ "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will He clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek His kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (NIV 2011)

The Hymn of the Day: CWS 757 "Where Your Treasure Is"

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.

Verses



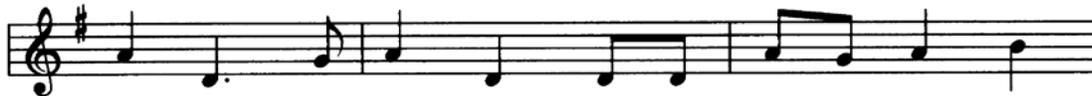
L 1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **C** We praise you, we
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



L With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phem,
praise you! 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—"Beginning Praise"—played by New Life's Tone Chime Choir

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 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 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 442 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

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Today—Worship Service at 9:30 AM
Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM
Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Tuesday—Church Council at 7:00 PM

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

Next Sunday—Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM

NO Confirmation Class (Columbus Day Weekend)

Adult Bible class is covering a video series entitled “Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture.” Today we will cover lesson four entitled “Christ’s Body and Blood—Holy Communion.” Bible class meets in the café at 10:45 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.

A 55 passenger coach bus has been reserved for the Southeastern Wisconsin District Reformation Rally to be held at the Miller High Life Theatre in Milwaukee, WI on Sunday, November 5th. The service is at 3:30 PM. The bus will be shared with Christ the King in Palatine, and will leave the church parking lot at 1:30 PM. Sign up for a seat on the bus on the sign-up sheet in the lower level. No cost will be charged for the bus ride, but donations can be given to defray the cost.

Plans are being made for the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and New Life’s 30th anniversary. The celebration will take place on Sunday, October 29th. Plans are in the works to have a German breakfast prior to the festival service. Rev. Jim Naumann, former pastor of Christ the King in Palatine, will be the guest preacher.

The Branch Connection is hosting a “Ladies Night Out” on **Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 PM at La Hacienda Restaurant in Deer Park**. This is a great opportunity for the women of New Life to come together for fun and fellowship! Please sign up on the sheet in the lower level and plan to attend!

Our Faithfulness to God’s Word Last Sunday—56
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Fall WLCFS Educational Presentations—

**Let Us Put on the Lens of Gratitude!—
Wednesday, October 18th at 7:00 PM**



Presented by: Jessica Randazzo

Description: As the school year has shifted into full swing and the hustle and bustle in our lives only increases, it is easy to lose our lens of gratitude. I phrase “gratitude” as a lens here because “gratitude” is an attitude that we have the power to “put on” and “take off,” just like a pair of eyeglasses. Like a person with impaired vision, we oftentimes lose a grateful perspective in which we view the world, therefore altering how we see and experience life.

But when a person with impaired vision puts on a pair of eyeglasses to enhance their vision, WOW! The world, and everything in it, is seen with much more joy, appreciation, and clarity. The same goes for gratitude: gratitude is an attitude, practice, and way of life. When we view the world through a lens of gratitude and actively and intentionally focus on cultivating joy in every day circumstances, we experience life and God's blessings on a whole new level.

But with a day that only contains 24 hours and an endless list of obligations and rolls to manage, how do we actively keep our lens of gratitude in place? Here are some tips to keep gratitude at the forefront of our lives.



**WHERE YOUR
TREASURE
IS, THERE YOUR
HEART
WILL BE ALSO.**

LUKE 12:34