

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church

Lake Zurich, IL

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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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: Heavenly Father, though I may be dressed in my Sunday best, I know that spiritually, I stand before You today dressed in the filthy rags of my sin. Despite this truth, You still invite me, in grace and mercy, to come to the wedding banquet of Your kingdom for the feast of every spiritual blessing we need. You delight in taking off from me the spotted garments of our flesh and clothing me in the wedding garments of the righteousness Your Son won for me. Clothed in Christ, I will worship and praise You today. Clothed in Christ, I will live as members of Your kingdom. Clothed in Christ, I will delight as more and more are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb. 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: It is the believer's duty to abstain from sin, give forgiveness, and serve our neighbor. It is a privilege to do our duty as Christians, but we are weak. The Church, therefore, prays that God would make us ready to do with a cheerful heart that which pleases Him.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 581 "Father, We Praise You"

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.

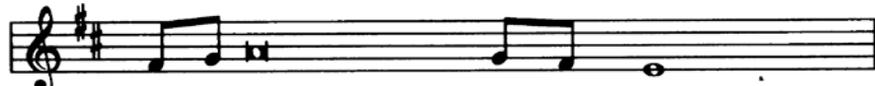
C: Amen.

Stand

(We sing words from Psalm 70)



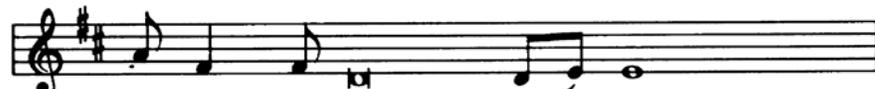
L O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



L Hasten to save me, O God.



C O Lord, come quickly to help me.



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

①

Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

②

let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

③

come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

Repeat for use with canon

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,

to Refrain

you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

*The First Lesson: **HABAKKUK 1:1-3, 2:1-4** (With the world crumbling into ruin and evil seemingly unchecked, the believer is tempted to question God's power or God's providence. But the Christian is called to do his/her duty. We are to stand and watch and wait for God's answer to all our questions. The Word of the Lord comes to comfort and command. The deliverance of God's people is at hand. Stand at the ready and proclaim His Word. Have confidence that the Lord's judgment is coming and along with it, His salvation. This is how the righteous will live: by faith.)*

1 The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

² How long, LORD, must I call for help,
but You do not listen?
Or cry out to You, "Violence!"
but You do not save?

³ Why do You make me look at injustice?
Why do You tolerate wrongdoing?
Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife, and conflict abounds.

² Then the LORD replied:

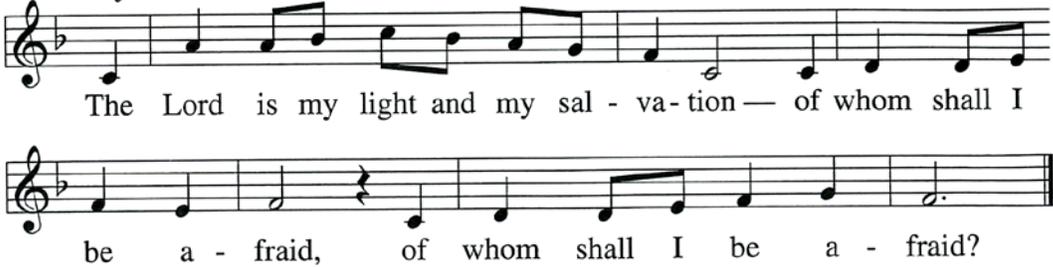
"Write down the revelation
and make it plain on tablets
so that a herald may run with it.

³ For the revelation awaits an appointed time;
it speaks of the end
and will not prove false.
Though it linger, wait for it;
it will certainly come
and will not delay.

⁴ "See, the enemy is puffed up;
his desires are not upright—
but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness—(NIV 2011)

Psalm of the Day: **Psalm 27**

Refrain



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I
be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

Psalm tone



Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;*
be merciful to me and answer me.
Do not hide Your face from me,*
do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my helper.
Do not reject me or forsake me,*
O God my Savior.

Refrain

Though my father and mother forsake me,
The LORD will receive me.*
I am still confident of this:*
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD;*
be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

**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: ROMANS 6:15-23** (Oh, how we have been slaves to the sinful nature, giving into temptation and harboring hostility for our righteous and holy God! This slavery to sin would have led to our eternal death. Indeed, our connection with sin will result in our temporal death. But this condition will not end in final death. The gift of God's eternal life has come through Jesus. Our suffering servant has freed us. No longer are we slaves to sin. We have been freed for righteousness in faithful service to our heavenly Master. Now let us do our duty and serve Him by abstaining from sin, giving forgiveness, and serving our neighbor.)*

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!

¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

¹⁹ I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. ²⁰ When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NIV 2011)

Stand

***The Gospel Lesson: LUKE 17:1-10** (Repentance and forgiveness mark the believer's life of faith. Knowledge of one's own forgiveness in Jesus leads to a forgiving heart and thanksgiving to the King of Grace. Jesus again uses the imagery of master and servants to illustrate the relationship between the Lord and believers. Service to the Lord must never lead to self-righteousness. Rather, we do our duty by abstaining from sin, giving forgiveness, and serving our neighbor.)*

¹ Jesus said to His disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. ² It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble.

³ So watch yourselves.

“If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them.

⁴ Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

⁶ He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

⁷ “Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? ⁸ Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’” (NIV 2011)

The Hymn of the Day: **CWS 756 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”**

The Sermon Text: Psalm 27

The Sermon Theme: “The Lord is My Light and My Salvation”

(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.



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,



praise you! **L** With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **C** We
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! **L** With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
 O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **C** We
 You have ris - en to free us;



praise you, we praise you! **L** With the mar - tyrs and your
 To the Trin - i - ty most
 And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,
 bless - ed, **C** We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*
 glo - ry, *to Refrain*
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—"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"—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.

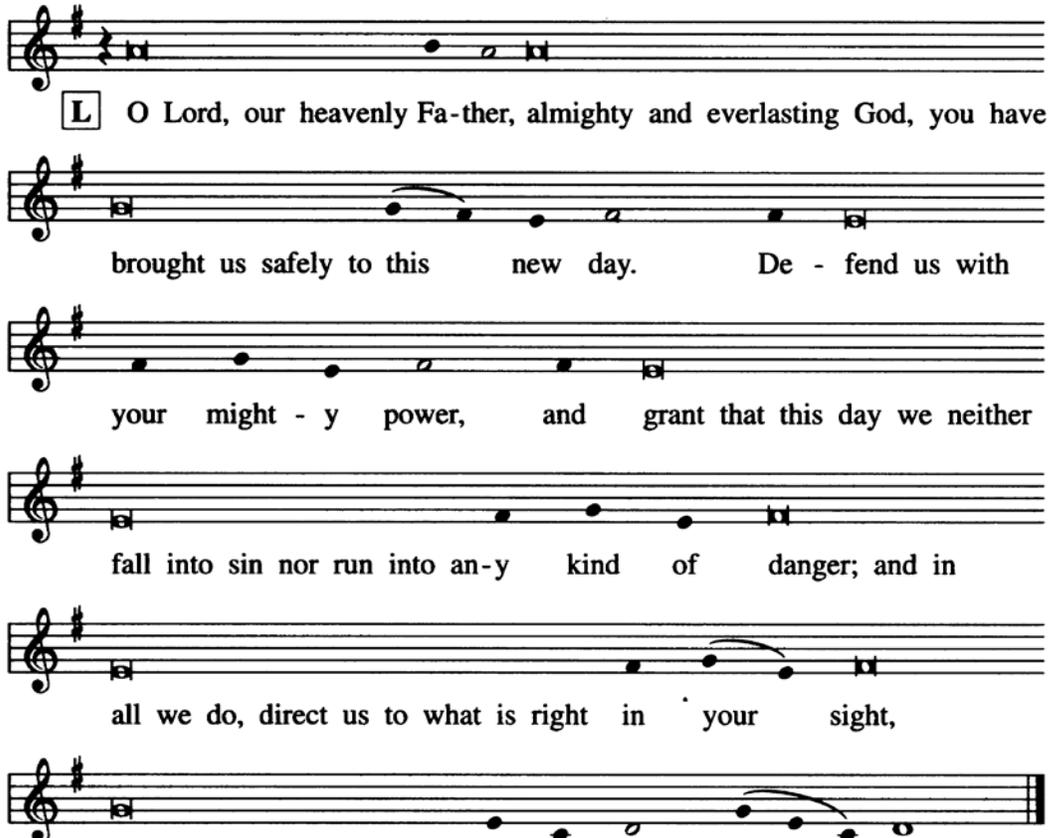
C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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 402 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Dall

Today—Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:45 AM

NO Confirmation Class

Monday—Pastors' Circuit Meeting in Libertyville at 9:30 AM

Tuesday—Church Council at 7:00 PM

Wednesday—Men's Bible Class at Noon

Thursday—Preschool Staff Review at 11:30 AM

Next Sunday—Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class from 6:00 – 7:30 PM

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.

New Life thanks Pastor Paul Prange for serving as our guest preacher today. Pastor Prange lives in Burlington, WI and is the Administrator for Ministerial Education. Rev. Prange will lead a Bible study after church this morning based on the new Domestic Tool Kit mentioned in the September WELS Connection.

A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to reserve a spot on a charter bus for the Reformation Rally on October 30, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Chicago. The bus will leave the church parking lot at approximately 2 PM on that day. The service is at 4:00 PM and the meal is at 5:30 PM. There will be five additional buses, besides the one stopping at New Life, that will be converging on St. Andrew. At the present time, bus passengers alone will comprise around 300 people at the rally.

The Branch Connection is hosting a **LADIES NIGHT OUT** at Oregano's Corner Café on the NW corner of Midlothian and Gilmer Rds. in Hawthorn Woods on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 PM. ALL ladies of New Life are welcome to attend! Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the lower level.

New Life's semi-annual Adopt-a-Highway clean-up will take place on Sunday, October 16th at noon. Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board downstairs if you are able to help.

Our Faithfulness to God's Word
Last Sunday—50

Fall WLCFS Educational Presentations-- New Life Fall Parenting Series



Seminar #2

New Life will once again host parenting seminars presented by counselors from WLCFS. Each of the three seminars will begin with a meal at 6:15 PM and the hour long presentation at 7:00 PM. There is no cost or obligation to attend. Here's a look at this month's topic:

Being a Christian Kid in the Electronic Age—Wednesday, Oct. 19

The Internet, Facebook, text messages, e-mail, chat rooms, cell phones, computers, laptops, and tablets can all have tremendous benefit for the user. However, they can also pose dangers and temptations that 21st-century kids and parents need to know about to have fun safely when using these technologies. In this seminar, participants will discuss ways to make the most of technologies while avoiding the pitfalls.

*This is a church sponsored event. Please plan on coming whether you have kids or not.
The information provided will be very helpful.*

Please RSVP at <http://newlife-wels.org/parenting.htm#rsvp>

