

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church

Lake Zurich, IL

...rooted in the word, growing in faith, reaching out to our uprooted world.

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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.

Before Service Prayer: O Spirit of the living God, without whom we cannot know Jesus as our Savior, we are washed, we are sanctified, we are justified by Your gracious influence. By Your gifts You have called and enlightened the whole Christian church on earth, so that we have one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in all. You have made us one. Let us walk worthy of our calling. Let us with all patience and humility endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Let us so live and labor in response to Your love that, once again, the watching world must say: "Behold, how they love one another!" Amen.

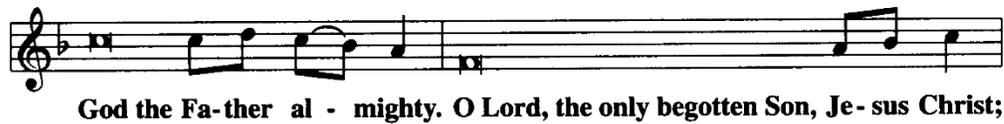
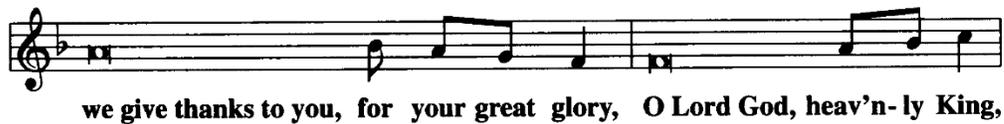
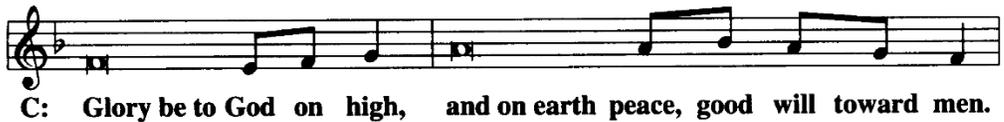
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Today's Theme: God calls the believer to First Commandment faith that serves God above all.

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.



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





sin of the world; re- ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;
 you on- ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho- ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on Your Church, as we come in prayer before You. Answer us not in judgment on our sins, but in peace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

The First Lesson: 1 JOHN 2:15-17 (John warns the faithful not to love the world because it leaves no room to love the Father. The things of this world that call out for our love are not from God and will not last. But the man who serves God above all will live forever.)

¹⁵ Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. (NIV 2011)

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. The Lord will rescue me from every evil and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom. Alleluia. (2 Timothy 4:18 cf. NIV)



After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



The Gospel: LUKE 18:18-27 (The rich ruler served his wealth rather than God. Brought face-to-face with his own idolatry, he went away deeply saddened. He could not put his Savior above all else. Regardless of whether or not we consider ourselves rich, the struggle to put discipleship ahead of the world remains. Yet even the seemingly impossible is possible with God.)

¹⁸ A certain ruler asked Him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁹ “Why do you call Me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

²¹ “All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

²² When Jesus heard this, He said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me.”

²³ When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. ²⁴ Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶ Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?”

²⁷ Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.” (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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.

Hymn of the Day: CW 454 "I Gave My Life for Thee"

The Sermon

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

The Offering

The Offering Prayer

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 Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.



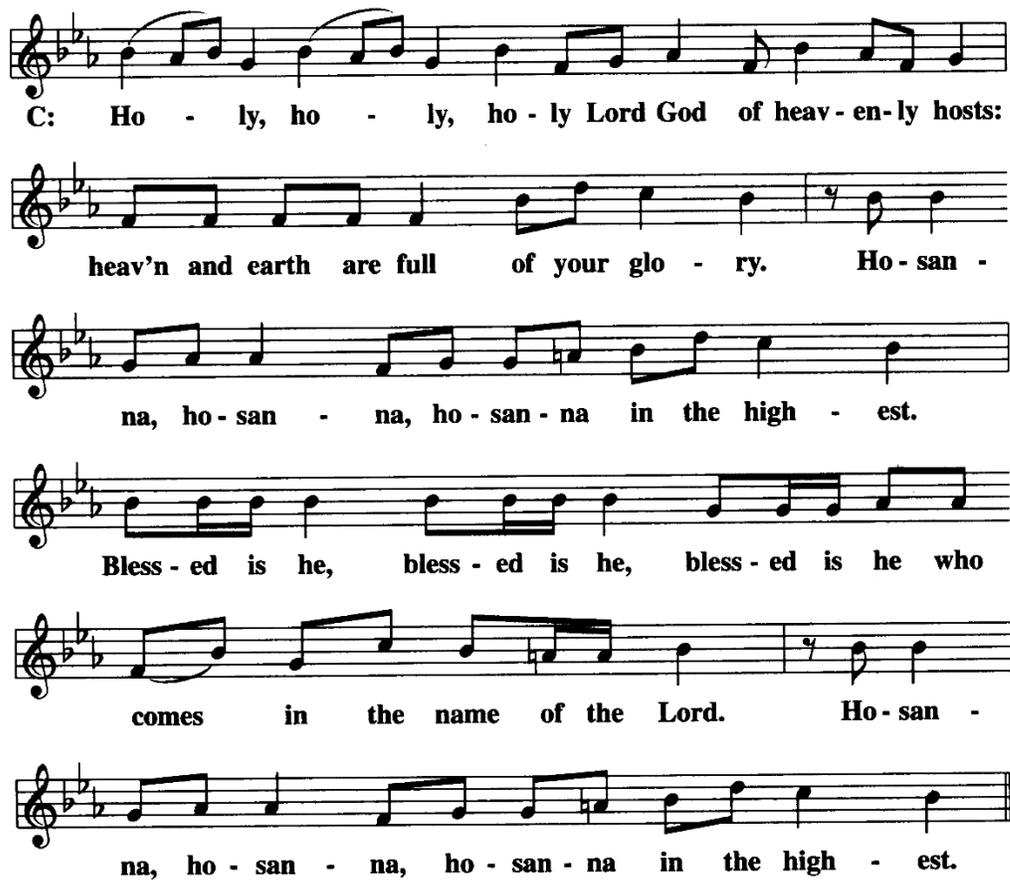
P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
 heav'n 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, bless - ed is he, 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 Words of Institution

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



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God



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

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.

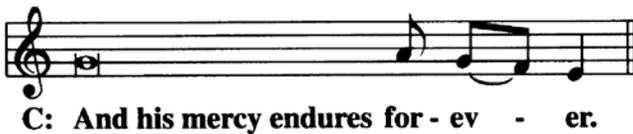
The Distribution Hymn: CW 312 “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

The Song of Simeon



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

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



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

P: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in Your loving kindness You sent Your Son to share our humanity. We thank You that through Him You have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that You will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve You day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



The Closing Hymn: CW 327 “God Be with You till We Meet Again”

Announcements

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week
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Cleaning this Week: Dressel

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

Tuesday—Tone Chimes at 7:00 PM

Wednesday—Men’s Bible Class at Noon

Thursday—GREEN TEAM at 6:30 PM

Next Sunday—Worship Service at 9:30 AM
Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM
CHARTER BUS LEAVES NEW LIFE’S PARKING LOT AT 1:40 PM
REFORMATION RALLY AT ST. ANDREW IN CHICAGO AT 4:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP MEAL SERVED AT 5:30 PM
NO Confirmation Class

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.

AED Fundraiser

Church council would like to purchase and install an "Automated External Defibrillator" or "AED". An AED is a computerized medical device used in the event someone is having a cardiac emergency. The device analyzes the heart rhythm, and delivers a defibrillating shock if necessary. You've probably seen these at stores and malls. Several members of our congregation underwent training on how to use this lifesaving device when they did CPR training for our Pre-School Accreditation. However, almost anyone can use it.

We will be holding a fundraiser to collect \$1359 to purchase this lifesaving device. Church council already re-designated \$136.11 we had left in the TV fund as seed money, leaving just over \$1200 remaining. We ask for your support. All donations can be added to the collection plate notated "AED Fund" in the memo.

Green Team will meet this Thursday at 6:30 PM. Green Team is a kid's group consisting of kids who are Kindergarten through eighth grade.

Reformation Rally

Pastor Bauer will be heading to St. Andrew to help clean and set up the school for the fellowship meal at noon this coming Saturday. If anyone would like to come along and help, please speak to Pastor Bauer. He will also be heading for the Rally immediately after church next Sunday to make sure things are ready for the Rally. If you are playing an instrument or singing in the choir or would like to go early to help wherever needed, please speak to Pastor Bauer.

Our Faithfulness to God's Word Last Sunday—74

**WHAT IS
IMPOSSIBLE
WITH MEN
IS POSSIBLE
WITH GOD.**

LUKE 18:27

