

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church

Lake Zurich, IL

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

“Family Consequences”

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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. Remember, we follow the “Run, Hide, Fight” response in an emergency.



Before Service Prayer: O Lord, against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight. Wash away our sins in the blood of Your Son, and fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that we may always think, say, and do only what is good and right in Your sight. 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: In a time of weakness, King David committed a whole series of sins. After a period of David's stubborn denial, God reached out to him with the truth of His law to convict David of his sins. A repentant David understood that God had completely forgiven all his sins. Yet he and the other members of his family were still required to endure some of the painful consequences of his sins as a constant reminder of God's faithfulness and love. We too need to always remember that in Christ all of our sins are completely removed. Even when we must suffer some consequences for our sins, we still stand forgiven before God. This forgiveness helps us deal with the consequences of our sins and keeps our focus on the heaven that Christ has prepared for us. There all of our sins—and all of their consequences—will forever be abolished, never to bother us again.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CWS 734 "When in Our Music God Is Glorified"

Remain seated

Fallen, Yet Forgiven

Invocation and Opening Sentences (from Psalm 51)

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

Congregation: Amen.

P: Create in me a pure heart, O God,

C: And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

P: Do not cast me from Your presence

C: Or take Your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation

C: And grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

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)



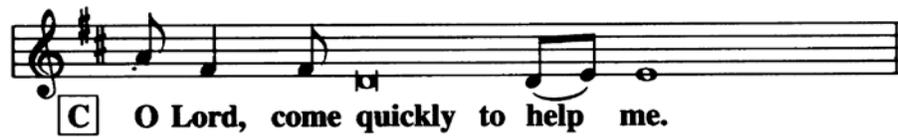
L O Lord, o-pen my lips.



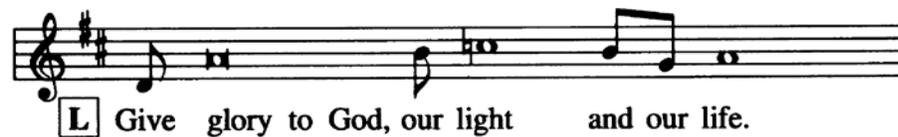
C And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.



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,

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

to Refrain

The First Lesson: 2 Samuel 12:7-14 (After telling him a parable, the prophet Nathan confronts David with his sin, listens to his confession and absolves him. Nathan also informs David about the sad consequences that will affect his family because of his sin.)

⁷ Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸ I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. ⁹ Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in His eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised Me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.’

¹¹ “This is what the LORD says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. ¹² You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’”

¹³ Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

Nathan replied, “The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. ¹⁴ But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for the LORD, the son born to you will die.” (NIV 2011)

Psalm of the Day: **Psalm 32** (King David acknowledged his sin to God and God forgave the guilt of his sin.)

Refrain

Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;
re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

Psalm tone

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Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,*
whose sins are covered.

When I kept silent, your hand was heavy upon me;*
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you*
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"*
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Refrain

You are my hiding place;*
you will protect me from trouble.

Many are the woes of the wicked,*
but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds
those who trust in him.

**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 8:26-30** (God uses all things, even sad and tragic things, for the good of His people. God often uses the consequences we face because of our sin to remind us never to do that same thing again!)*

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified. (NIV 2011)

Stand

*The Gospel Lesson: **Luke 23:39-43** (Though forgiven and promised Paradise, the thief on the cross still had to face the consequence of his sin which was capital punishment.)*

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save Yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

⁴³ Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise." (NIV 2011)

*The Hymn of the Day: **CW 429 "What God Ordains Is Always Good"***

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,



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;



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

The Offering Prayer

The Kyrie

Four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'L'. The lyrics are: '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

Four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'L'. The lyrics are: '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: CWS 760 “When Peace Like a River”

Announcements

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Bauer / Spangle

Today— Worship Service at 9:30 AM
Annual Voters’ Meeting at 10:45 AM
Church Picnic at Noon

Tuesday—Branch Connection at 7:00 PM

Wednesday— Bible Class in the Basement at 7:00 PM

Friday—Men’s Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Next Sunday— Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. 2 SUNDAYS ARE AVAILABLE IN AUGUST—LET’S FILL THOSE SLOTS TODAY! Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level.

TODAY IS CHURCH PICNIC DAY! During the voters meeting there will be water games for the kids. At noon a meal will be served and a Bean Bag / Corn Hole tournament will follow. Stay after church for food, fellowship and fun!

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of August 6-10. The theme for VBS this year is “Written in Stone: A 10 Commandments VBS.” Sign-up your child today at www.new-life-wels.org. At the present time we have 40 children registered.

During the summer months, New Life will offer a mid-week Bible class on Wednesday nights starting at 7:00 PM. Wednesday night Bible class will take up a nine-part study of the Old Testament book of Esther. Make it part of your summer schedule to study a book of the Bible with fellow members on Wednesday nights this summer! This week Bible class will study chapter 6.

VBS posters of various sizes are located on the table in the Café. Please help promote VBS by taking a few and hanging them at your place of work or at establishments you frequent such as coffee shops, restaurants or grocery stores.

Our Faithfulness to God’s Word
Last Sunday: 44

