



# **New Life Ev. Lutheran Church**

*Lake Zurich, IL*

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## **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost** **October 12, 2025**

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 lower level 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 fellowship hall 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. The service is also simulcast on the church's Facebook page.

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

<p><u><i>Before Service Prayer:</i></u> In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. Into Your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen. (<i>Luther's Morning Prayer</i>)</p>
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*Today's Theme:* **CAUSE / EFFECT – GENEROSITY / GRATITUDE**

Gratitude is the appreciation we feel when someone does something kind to us or for us. There are two factors that effect the intensity of gratitude. First, there is the deservedness factor. Say you do a favor for your neighbor. A month later, your neighbor does a favor for you. You are grateful, but not overwhelmingly so, because you deserved his help to some degree. However, if you have been an unkind or selfish neighbor, and yet your neighbor provides help when you are in need, you are extremely grateful precisely because you know you are undeserving. Second, there is the generosity factor. Imagine you pick up the mail for your neighbor for the three days he is out of town. When he gets back, he gives you a hundred-dollar bill. You might protest, "This is too generous!" He insists, and so you are very grateful.

Apply this to God. Deservedness. How deserving are we of his blessing? What does God owe us? Generosity. What has God done for us? What blessings has he given us now? What blessings has he promised us in eternity? As we answer those questions, we are stunned by the undeserved generosity our God has shown us. The effect? We overflow with gratitude.



Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 624 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Verses 1,2, and 5 (CW93 234)

Invocation

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

Confession and Absolution 2 Timothy 2:1, 3, 8a, 11–13; Psalm 111:9–10

P: As we come before the Lord with humble and contrite hearts, we hear the words of encouragement from Paul to young Timothy: "You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

**C: God of grace, we ask Your forgiveness for the times we seek strength away from where You promise to be present with Your Word and in Your means of grace, and for the times we have not desired the grace found in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

P: "Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus."

**C: We confess we have chosen the easy way out when our following and serving of Jesus becomes difficult for our lives, forsaking Your name and the name You have given us in Baptism.**

P: "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead."

**C: We confess we have not remembered the victory Jesus Christ has won for us over sin, death, and the devil, through His sacrificial death and rising from the dead. Because of this, we have not loved You with all our heart, soul, and strength, and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with Him,

**C: we will also live with Him;**

P: if we endure, we will also reign with Him;

**C: if we deny Him, He also will deny us;**

P: if we are faithless,

**C: He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself.**

P: Our faithful God, the one almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.

**C: Holy and awesome is His name!**

P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

**C: His praise endures forever!**

## The Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; His name is worthy of praise!

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,

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but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First Lesson: **Genesis 8:15-22** - Noah expressed his gratitude for God's underserved generosity in preserving the lives of him and his family.

<sup>15</sup> Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup> "Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. <sup>17</sup> Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it."

<sup>18</sup> So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. <sup>19</sup> All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

<sup>20</sup> Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. <sup>21</sup> The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

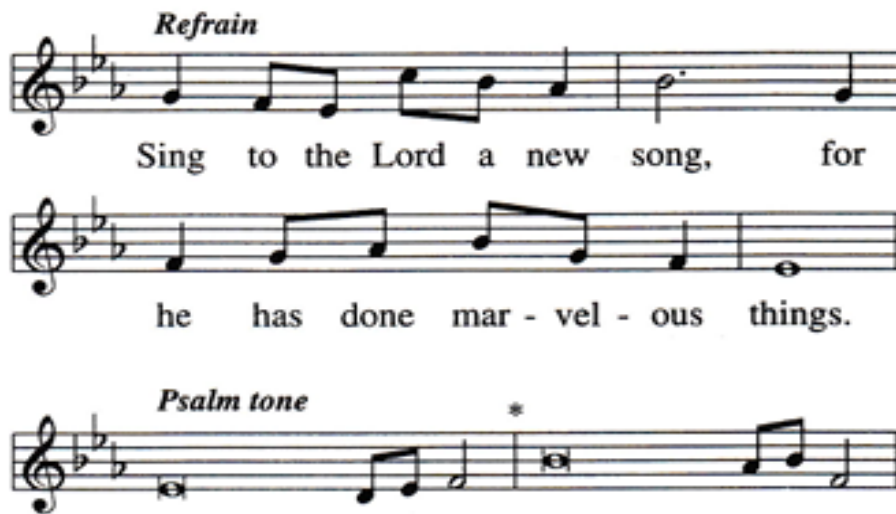
<sup>22</sup> "As long as the earth endures,  
seedtime and harvest,  
cold and heat,  
summer and winter,  
day and night  
will never cease." (NIV 2011)

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



## Psalm 111



Great are the works of the LORD;\*  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,\*  
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;\*  
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

### *Refrain*

The works of his hands are faithful and just;\*  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

He provided redemption for his people;\*  
he ordained his covenant forever.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;\*  
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

**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 Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9:10-15 - Our gratitude for God's generosity to us will naturally include a willingness to be generous with others.

<sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

<sup>12</sup> This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. <sup>13</sup> Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. <sup>14</sup> And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! (NIV 2011)

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

P: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

**C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!**

**These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that**

**Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!**

*Stand*

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17: 11-19 – Ten men believed that Jesus could save them from leprosy, but only one understood the undeserved generosity of Jesus. That one man threw himself at Jesus' feet in gratitude.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

**C: Glory be to You, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"



<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

<sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.” (NIV 2011)

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise be to You O Christ!**

*Be Seated*

Hymn of the Day: **CW 521** “Christ the Eternal Lord” (CW93 341)

Sermon: Genesis 8:15-22 God Preserves Life – Always Be Thankful

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.**

### Offering

The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord's Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life's website.



### Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Lord, give us thankful hearts that we may not forget your kindness nor presume your mercy. Bestow on us a giving spirit, that we may be preserved from selfishness and jealousy and, with new and contrite hearts, love you above all and love our neighbors as ourselves. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, bless the pastors who speak to us in your name and administer your Sacraments to us; those preparing for this ministry; those who are considering church-work vocations; and the seminaries, colleges, universities and schools where our church workers learn and are being formed for service to us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Bless all adult children with wisdom and compassion as they care for their aging parents, and give their parents a humble spirit to accept needed assistance. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Remember your people who are single and desire marriage. Be their companion in their solitude, and provide them a godly spouse and family according to your will. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, you provide all that we need for this body and life, including health and order. Watch over all who exercise authority in our nation, giving them integrity, justice and compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of all help, you hear the cries of the righteous and deliver them from their troubles and fears. Remember all who cry to you for mercy, and help them according to your good and gracious will. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Merciful God, bestow on us the Holy Spirit and the gift of faith, that we may worthily receive the blessed food of Christ's flesh and blood in this Sacrament. Grant true unity of faith, that all may be one in doctrine and life and that this unity would be manifest at the table of the Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through him, with him and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory yours, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

### 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.

**C: And also with you.**

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 good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our merciful God who desires that all might be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. We praise and thank You that, in Your infinite mercy, You sent Your one and only Son, Jesus, to die for the sins of the world. It is through Him, the mediator between God and man, that we come to You in boldness and confidence, knowing that You hear us and will respond to our prayers according to Your good and gracious will. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, in whom we put our trust, for if we die with You, we will also live with You; if we endure, we will also reign with You; if we are faithless, You remain faithful. By Christ's sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross, we are gathered to remember Jesus Christ risen from the dead. Grant us to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Through suffering, grant endurance, strengthened by this Sacrament in the grace of Christ Jesus as You deliver and preserve us. To You, heavenly Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Words of Institution (Spoken by the Pastor.)

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

**C: Amen.**

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 663 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” (CW93 311)



### Thank the Lord



**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



**Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.**



**He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with**



**shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!**

**P: Let us pray.**

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have strengthened us by the grace that is in Christ Jesus through His true body and blood that has been received. Strengthen us by grace, amid suffering, to remain in faith toward You and show fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: **CW 604** "When All Your Mercies, O My God" (CW93 259)

### Announcements

## Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Daugherty and Dundore

**Today**—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Adopt a Highway Clean Up at Noon

No Confirmation Class (due to Columbus Day holiday)

**Monday**—Columbus Day/Indigenous People Day – No Preschool Class

**Wednesday**—Ladies Night Out at Sorelle Italian Market and Café at 6:00 PM

Tone Chimes Rehearsal at 7:00 PM

**Next Sunday**—Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Zoom Confirmation Class at 5:00 PM

### FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP SHEET

A new sign-up sheet has been posted to provide something to eat and drink after the Sunday service. The sheet covers September 2025 through December 2025.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

### LADIES NIGHT OUT

The Branch Connection is hosting a Ladies Night Out this Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. They will be meeting at Sorelle Italian Market and Café located at 3976 IL-22 in Long Grove. A sign-up is posted in the fellowship hall. All ladies are welcome to attend. Feel free to invite friends as well!

### CHURCH SIGN

The electronic sign panels are on order. New Life members have contributed \$14,676 towards the sign fund to date. The cost for the digital panels is approximately \$17,300. All labor and refurbishment costs are donated by Pat Dexter and Design Group Signage. There will be village permit fees plus some electrical work costs during the installation. If you still want to contribute to the project, there is time to do so.

### ADULT BIBLE CLASS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Bible Class will continue to examine the question “What Could I (We) Have Done Better? What Should I (We) Do Better?” They will meet in the upstairs Café starting at 10:45 AM.

Our Sunday School will utilize a rotation of teachers to teach Sunday School again this year. A new sign-up sheet for the month of October has been posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

### CALL MEETING

We had our initial call meeting last Sunday, September 21 to discuss pastoral candidates. From that call meeting, our church body has extended a call to Pastor Jason Liebenow, who is currently serving congregations in Florence, Wisconsin, Iron River, Michigan and Tipler, Wisconsin. Please pray for our church and for Pastor Liebenow and his family as he deliberates this call to serve.

**VACANCY**

During the vacancy Pastor Steve Radunzel will be here on Sundays and Pastor Tom Schultz will cover any ministry needs that arise during the week.