An abstract painting featuring vertical and diagonal brushstrokes in shades of green, blue, and yellow. The background is a light, textured beige. The overall style is expressive and modern.

For in Him
we live
and
move
and
have our being

Acts 17:28

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Sixth Sunday of Easter **May 10, 2026**

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><i>Before Service Prayer:</i> O Holy Trinity, in concert You have written Your truth into the foundations of all existence. Help us to declare Your works, live by Your wisdom, work for Your glory, and rest in Your grace, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.</p>

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Today's Theme: **WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?**
 HE LIVES TO CALL ME TO LIVE FOR HIM

Without the resurrection of Jesus, I would be tempted to live only for myself. After all, I have to be in good shape before I can be of help to anyone else, right? I think I know what's right for me, and I can identify when other people are standing in the way of my self-improvement. If Jesus is dead, I don't have to worry about what he said or what he thinks.

But he lives, and it makes a difference. He takes care of my basic needs. He promises to do more for me than I can imagine. He puts people into my life so I can help them. Now I live for him.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: **CW 901** "O Christians, Haste" (CW93 570)

Invocation

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

Congregation: Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 124:8; John 14:18; Hebrews 13:6

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: Jesus said, "I will not leave you as orphans;

C: I will come to you."

P: So we can confidently say,

C: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Confession of Sins

P: We confess: Father, we have neglected You and Your commandments.

C: Forgive us, Lord.

P: Jesus, we have doubted Your Word and failed to display Your love to others.

C: Forgive us, Lord.

P: Spirit, we have trusted our own sinful hearts rather than seeking Your truth.

C: Forgive us, Lord.

P: O Triune God, look on us in mercy and make Your dwelling within us.

C: Restore us as Your rescued people to seek Your holy will. Amen.

Absolution

P: To save you from sin, the Father gave you His very own Son. On His cross, Jesus paid your debt and rose to declare, "because I live, you also will live." By the Spirit's power, we trust in the pardon won for us by Christ, our Lord. In the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord. (CW93 233)

**All glory be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise You for Your peace and grace, Your favor toward our fallen race.**

**Our grateful thanks to You we bring, For Your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, You have done Through Jesus Christ, Your only Son.**

**O Lamb of God to You we pray. You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer; From God's right hand, Your mercy share.**

**You, Christ, are holy –Lord alone; The Father's glory You made known.
We by Your Spirit sing again: "All glory be to God!" Amen.**

The Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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: **Acts 17:22-31** –God has determined exactly where and when we would live so that we can repent and believe the good news of Jesus’ resurrection.

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.” (NIV 2011)

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 66

Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone

Shout with joy to God, *á*ll the earth!*
Sing the glory of his name; make his praise *g*lorious!

Praise our God, O *p*eoples,*
let the sound of his *p*raise be heard.

He has *p*re*s*erved our lives*
and kept our feet from *s*lipping.

Refrain

Come and listen, all you who *f*ear God;*
let me tell you what he has *d*one for me.

If I had cherished sin *i*n my heart,*
the Lord would not have *l*istened;

but God has surely *l*istened*
and heard my *v*oice in prayer.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy *S*pirit,
as it was in the *b*eginning,*
is now, and will be forever. *A*men.**

Refrain

The Second Lesson: **1 Peter 3:13-22** - St. Peter teaches that baptism saves us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. (NIV 2011)

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.



C Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



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

Please Stand

The Gospel Lesson: **John 14:15-21** – Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to lead us in faith.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵“If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.” (NIV 2011)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the 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.

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day: **CW 747** “Christ, High Ascended” (CW93 558)

The Sermon **Acts 17:22-31** “Maneuvering Your Way Into a Conversation about Jesus”

The Offering (Gathered by the ushers, the offering will 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.)



Hymn: CW 385 “Christ Begins”

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.

O Lord, You give us life in Christ. Grant that, having been strengthened by Your gifts, we may gladly tell others of the hope that we have in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, let Your Spirit be at work through our synod president, our district president; our circuit pastor and our pastor, that as they proclaim Your Word, He may teach us all things and bring to remembrance all Your Son has said to us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord of heaven and earth, You have given the Spirit of truth to dwell in us through Holy Baptism. Grant Your Spirit's steadfast guidance, that all the members of this congregation may not succumb to sin and unbelief, but live always in praise of You before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, Your Son in His incarnation took on our human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. He submitted to His mother, honoring and obeying her, so fulfilling the commandment where we have not. On this Mother's Day, graciously accept our thanksgiving for our mothers, whom You have given to us. Teach us to honor them aright — loving, obeying and giving thanks for them, as is fitting in Your sight. Strengthen all women with child, and give them safe delivery. Comfort all women who long to have children but cannot, that they may find their consolation in You and Your unfailing love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, You made from one man all the nations of the earth, and still You sustain us. Grant good leaders in every land who will seek peace and serve justice. Frustrate the causes of evil, violence and oppression. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Listening Lord, You always wait upon the prayers of Your people and attend to their cries. Inspire us to pray in all seasons of life and through all trials, giving us faith in Your promise to answer us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, we give You thanks for the salvation and life You give us through Christ Jesus. You do not leave Your people as orphans but strengthen the penitent with the body and blood of Your Son. Help us to receive what You offer here for our good, that this Holy Communion may strengthen our faith and equip us for Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: We entrust all these petitions to Your care, loving Father, confident in Your great mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is worshiped together with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

The Sacrament

(God in His word makes it clear that Holy Communion is to be shared by people of a common proclamation of faith (1 Corinthians 11:26, 1 Corinthians 10:16). So, without judging anyone's heart, we invite those who share in our confession by their membership in our church body, and who are properly prepared (1 Corinthians 11:27), to come to the front and receive the Sacrament.)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you. (spoken)

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 good and right so to do.

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 by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sanctus (Latin for "Holy," tune 441)

(Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9)



1 Sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, the God by all a - dored."
2 "Ho - san - na in the high - est" sing and bless the com - ing One.



The heav`ns a - bove and earth be - low His glo - ry ev - er tell.
Our Lord is here and with Him we shall now and ev - er dwell.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Jesus took bread and “gave thanks.” (Matthew 26:26)

P: Blessed are You, O Lord God, King of the Universe. Before the foundation of the world, You chose to redeem us with the precious blood of Your Son, a lamb without blemish or defect.

We give You humble and heartfelt thanks.

The iniquity in which we were conceived,

Has been cleansed by the mystery of His holy incarnation;

Our self-absorbed youth has been sanctified

By His birth, circumcision and obedience;

Our self-willed lives have been brought into conformity

With Your holy will by His Baptism, fasting and temptation;

The head of our adversary, the serpent

Has been crushed by Christ’s bloody agony, sweat and scourging;

The gloomy portal of death has become the gate to everlasting life

Through His precious cross, death and burial.

Strengthen our faith through this heavenly food that, as partakers in Christ’s glorious resurrection, we may, together, recline at the wedding feast of the Lamb, and hear us now as we join in praying...

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.

Words of Institutions

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

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

C: Amen.

Angus Dei



1 O ho - ly spot - less Lamb of God, our sins You take a - way.
2 O ho - ly, spot - less Lamb of God, our sins You take a - way.



Have mer - cy, Lord, Your mer - cy show, and hear us as we pray.
Have mer - cy, Lord, and send us peace as we live out this day.

Distribution

During the distribution the congregation will sing CW 557 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"
(CW93 377)

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Latin for "Now Dismiss," tune CW 215*)

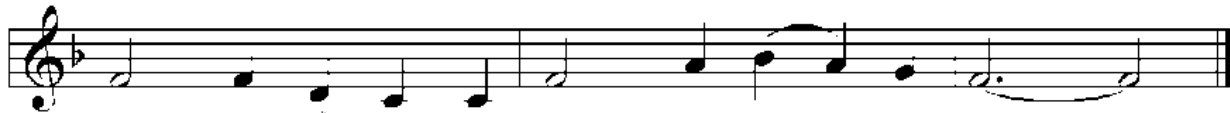
(Luke 2:29-32)



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn. This child so long fore - told.
in our midst. The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

Prayer

P: Let us pray.

Most Holy Triune God, we praise You for remembering us in Your kingdom, setting a place for us at Your Table, and bringing us into a life that lasts forever. As those forgiven by Your grace and sealed in Baptism as Your treasured possession, bless us with firm faith and a holy purpose, that we would keep Your commandments, know the love of our Father, and live in His truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

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.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: **CW 746: Verses 1 and 3** “I Love to Tell the Story” (CW93 562)

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Berg/Bolzman

Today— Mother’s Day Breakfast at 8:30 AM

Sixth Sunday of Easter Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Zoom Confirmation Meeting at 5:00 PM

Tuesday—Preschool Staff Meeting at 3:15 PM

Branch Connection Meeting at 4:30 PM

Thursday—Ascension Day

Friday—Green Team Pinewood Derby at 6:30 PM

Next Sunday—Seventh Sunday of Easter Divine Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Adult Bible Class and Sunday School at 10:45 AM

Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up at Noon

Zoom Confirmation Class at 5:00 PM

MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

We extend a grateful “Thank You” to the members of the Church Council for providing a delicious breakfast this morning!

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN UP

The rescheduled date for the adopt- a-highway clean up is May 17th following Adult Bible Study (around noon time). Remember to bring work clothes and boots to accessorize those stylish orange vests!

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR FELDHUS

Save the date! The time is almost here for Pastor Patrick Feldhus to be officially installed as the pastor of New Life Lutheran Church. **This will take place on Sunday, June 21st at 3:00 pm.** A potluck dinner will follow the service.

INSTALLATION DINNER FOR PASTOR FELDHUS

The members of New Life will be hosting a potluck dinner for Pastor Feldhus and his family following the installation service on June 21st (around 4:30-5:00 pm). Everyone is invited to this meal. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet (coming soon!) that will provide suggestions for what is needed for the meal. Please consider bringing something for the meal so we can welcome the Feldhus family with kindness and hospitality.

GREEN TEAM

The Green Team will meet this Friday, May 15th at 6:30 PM. This is their final meeting for the school year and it is for the Pinewood Derby! The children have worked very hard on their “inventor” themed cars and are looking forward to seeing just how fast they go as they race each other to the finish.

FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP SHEET

Volunteers are needed to provide something to eat and drink after Sunday services. Fellowship snacks do not need to be “fancy” or a huge spread of food – just some cookies or a coffee cake (or something else) would be great. We are thankful for anything that is provided! A sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please remember to sign up for a slot. The sheet covers the months of May through July.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Radunzel is leading a Bible study on First and Second Thessalonians today. The class meets in the upstairs Café area around 10:45 AM.

NEW LANDSCAPING COMPANY

“And the green grass grew all around, all around. And the green grass grew all around.” The grass certainly has been growing fast! We are thankful that Fred Starck’s granddaughter’s husband’s company, JM Hardscapes, is now providing landscaping services for the church. The company provides a wide range of helpful services. For more information, call John Matlachowski at JM Hardscapes – 847-532-1637.

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.

