



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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The Festival of Pentecost May 24, 2026

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 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.

Before Service Prayer: O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Today's Theme: **WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?
HE LIVES TO POUR OUT HIS SPIRIT**

When the disciples were distressed about Jesus ascending into heaven, he assured them, "It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you" (John 16:7). That Advocate is the Holy Spirit. If Jesus had stayed in the grave, the Holy Spirit would have had no reason to enter the lives of disciples.

But Jesus lives, and it makes a difference. The Spirit provides faith and purpose for life. Pentecost, the celebration of the special arrival of the Holy Spirit, is the third great festival of the Church, along with the Nativity and the Resurrection. Pentecost closes the fifty-day period after Easter and ends the festival half of the church year. The Church dresses in red on this day to commemorate the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit's gift as well as the blood of the martyrs.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 585 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" (CW93 176)

Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Opening Sentences Romans 8:16–17

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: **and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

Pastor: The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

People: **and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.**

Confession Micah 6:6–8

Pastor: Jesus said, "I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you."

People: **"And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment."**

Pastor: So we pray to the Spirit, our Helper and advocate, who intercedes on our behalf. Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, Your presence among us unifies us as one Body.

People: **Yet, too often we neglect, belittle, or attack our brothers and sisters.**

Pastor: You have been poured out that we might bear witness to Christ, our Savior.

People: **Yet, too often we remain speechless.**

Pastor: You were sent that You might produce in us the fruit of righteousness.

People: **Yet, too often we display our pessimistic, discontented, selfish nature. We plead to God, our Father, to forgive us for the sake of Christ. Holy Spirit, grant us power to testify to our Savior, Jesus, in what we say and do. Bring to bear in us the fruit of righteousness and hold us united in faith unto life everlasting.**

The Kyrie—The congregation and Pastor sing...

C Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

Absolution

Pastor: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,” and “no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit.” Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord. (CW93 182)

**Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light,
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O’er a world of gloom and night,
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those on earth to thrones on high,
Living, life-imparting Sprit, You we praise and magnify.**

**Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church’s very life,
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife,
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ,
You we praise with endless worship For Your gracious gifts unpriced.**

**Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church’s ministry,
Teaching, strength’ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free,
Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.**

The Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, gift through water and the Word, continue to build the church as You did on Pentecost, that we might grow in faith and unity along with the whole Body of Christ, here and around the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 – On Pentecost the disciples proclaimed the gospel. Through their words the Holy Spirit unleashes his saving power.

² When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

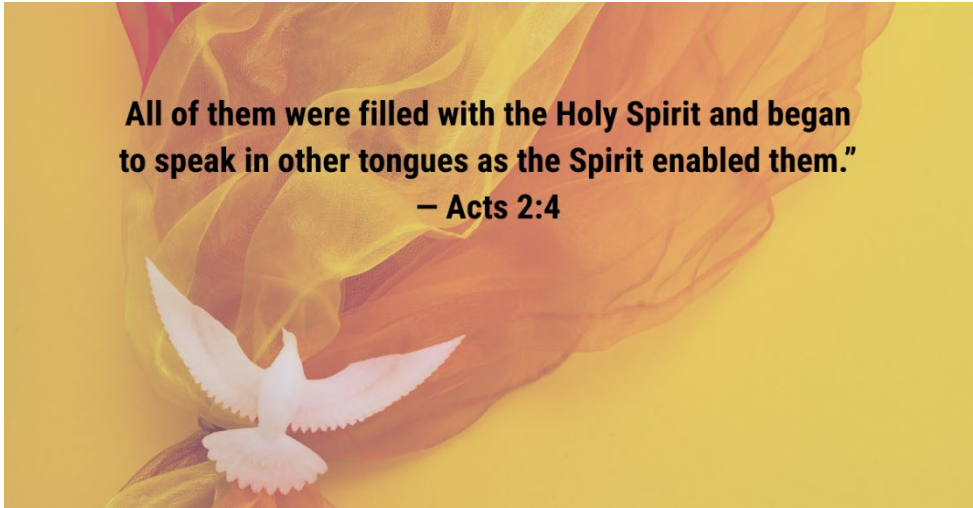
²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

(NIV 2011)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



**All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began
to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”**

– Acts 2:4

Psalm 51 b

Refrain

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, re - new our hearts and
kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

Psalm tone

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O Lord, open my lips,*
and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;*
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure heart, O God,*
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence*
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,*
and sinners will turn back to you.

**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: **1 Corinthians 12:3-11** – When God pours out his Spirit, it is for the benefit of the entire Church.

³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

(NIV 2011)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Pastor: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

Stand

The Gospel Lesson: **John 7:37-39** – Jesus promised that those who were spiritually thirsty would be filled with the living water of the Spirit.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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.

Hymn of the Day: CW 477 “O Day Full of Grace” (CW93 254)

The Sermon **Psalm 51** “What We Need From the Holy Spirit”



After the sermon, the congregation sings:



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

The 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.



The Prayer of the Church

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

You bid us come to the waters, O Lord. Grant that Your gift of Holy Baptism may bring forth fruit in what we say, think and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, You delivered Your Word through Moses and the prophets and fulfilled Your Word in Christ. He was planted in death for our sins and raised for our justification, and in Him shall all the nations of the earth be united. Give us pastors who will preach this truth faithfully and church workers who are devoted to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, You have poured out the Holy Spirit upon us, that we might believe Your truth and raise our sons and daughters in it. Bless all parents, that they may faithfully catechize their children in Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, we thank You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon this nation. Grant us a long memory to recall those who gave the full measure of devotion to our country's peace and security. Bring to mind the sacrifices of those who served faithfully until death in the protection of our freedom and in the defense of our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord Almighty, draw near to those who face the distress of sickness, surgery and pain. Let them not be afraid, and heal them according to the abundance of Your steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father in heaven, pour out Your Holy Spirit on all those who commune at Your altar this day. As Your Son feeds us with His body and blood, grant that we receive these sacred gifts in sincere repentance and firm faith and be raised up from death to life through His forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Advocate and Defender whose light never wanes, we bless You, that on the great and magnificent day, You will raise all of the dead and give unto those who believe in Jesus eternal life. We remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us and are at rest. Comfort those who mourn, and bring us all with them into the light that knows no darkness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty Father, with Your Son, Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts through Your Word to rule and govern us according to Your will. Comfort us in every temptation and misfortune and defend us against every error, that we may continue steadfast in the faith, increase in love and good works, and — trusting firmly in Your grace — obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is good and right so to do.

Pastor: 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 on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution (spoken by the pastor)

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

People: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



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. Amen. Amen.

Our Communion Practice

New Life Lutheran Church practices “close communion.” We ask that only members of New Life or other WELS churches partake of the sacrament. We ask our visitors to please respect our communion practice.

The Distribution Hymn: CW 588 “Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit” (CW93 181)

The Song of Simeon

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Song of Simeon'. It consists of five staves of music in a single system, written in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' in a box. The lyrics are: 'In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre-pared for ev-'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.' The music is a simple, melodic line with some rests and ties.

C In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de -
part ac - cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal -
va - tion, which you have pre-pared for ev-'ry peo - ple, a
light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed are You, Father of nations, for You have had mercy on all flesh, sending Your Spirit to declare the salvation found only in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. By His atoning death and victorious resurrection, He has made satisfaction for our sins and now beckons all who thirst to drink deeply of the fruits of His cross. Prepare our hearts to receive His true body and blood at this Table, that we might be fed with the bread of life, and prepared to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth, quenching the nations with living water, namely the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Blessing

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: **CW 595** “Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing” (CW93 490)

Announcements

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

Today— Festival of Pentecost Communion Service at 9:30 AM
Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM
Adult Bible Study at 10:45 AM

Monday—**Memorial Day** – No Preschool

Thursday—Last Day of school for Little Sprouts and 3-year-old Preschool Class

Friday—Last Day of school for 4-year-old Preschool Class

Next Sunday—First Sunday after Pentecost (Holy Trinity) Divine Service at 9:30 AM
Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR FELDHUS

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 catered dinner will follow the service.

INSTALLATION DINNER FOR PASTOR FELDHUS

The members of New Life will be hosting a 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, which will be catered. Please make an effort to attend and help us welcome the Feldhus family with kindness and hospitality.

GIVING STATEMENTS

Please check your email for a current giving statement from New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you did not receive one or would like to have a paper copy, please see Ken Sarvady.

****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. **There are empty slots that need to be filled.** The sheet covers the months of May through July.

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.

