



*“Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them”
1 Peter 5:2*

*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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**Installation of Rev. Patrick Feldhus
June 21, 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, a special dinner will be served in the fellowship hall after our service today. All are invited to partake of this meal and welcome Pastor & Mrs. Feldhus and family.***

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:

We gather today in gratitude for Your faithfulness and in joy for the shepherd You have called to lead this flock. We thank You for the journey that has brought Pastor Feldhus to this moment, and for the gifts, wisdom, and compassion You have placed within them.

Lord, we ask that You anoint their ministry with the power of Your Spirit. May their words be filled with truth, their heart with love, and their hands with service. Grant them courage in times of challenge, humility in times of success, and steadfast faith in every season.

Bless this congregation to walk alongside their pastor in unity, prayer, and mutual encouragement.

May together they shine as a light in this community, proclaiming the hope of Christ to all.

In the name of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we pray. **Amen.**

Today's Service: Portions of "Service of Word and Prayer," "Christian Worship," NPH; "Installation of a Pastor," "Christian Worship Agenda," NPH reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-800156 and under CCLI license #11327771.

Today's Theme: **THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW PASTOR**

Today we install as pastor of New Life Ev. Lutheran Church Rev. Patrick Feldhus. We welcome our new pastor and his family among us!

Conducting the service and preaching the sermon will be Rev. Joel Gaertner, Director of the WELS Commission on Special Ministries. We thank him for serving us with the word of God on this special installation day.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 895 "Preach You the Word" (CW93 541)

Invocation

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

Congregation: Amen.

The Greeting

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

Opening Sentences

P: I rejoiced with those who said to me,

C: "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

P: How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

C: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

P: The Lord is near to all who call on him,

C: to all who call on him in truth.

P: Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees,

C: that I may follow it to the end.

P: Your word is a lamp for my feet,

C: a light on my path.

P: Faith comes from hearing the message,

C: and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Public Use of the Keys

P: Second: How does a Christian congregation use the keys?

C: A Christian congregation with its called servant of Christ uses the keys in accordance with Christ's command by forgiving those who repent of their sin and are willing to amend, and by excluding from the congregation those who are plainly impenitent that they may repent. I believe that when this is done, it is as valid and certain in heaven also, as if Christ, our dear Lord, dealt with us himself.

P: Where is this written?

C: Jesus says in Matthew, chapter 18, "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

The Prayer of the Day for Installation

P: Let us pray.

P: O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of your Church. Unite pastor and people in true faith and brotherly love, that your word may flourish among us and your kingdom increase; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First Reading: **Joshua 1:1-9** – The Lord chooses Joshua to lead the Israelites.

¹After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide:
²"Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. ³I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. ⁴Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. ⁵No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. ⁶Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

⁷"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

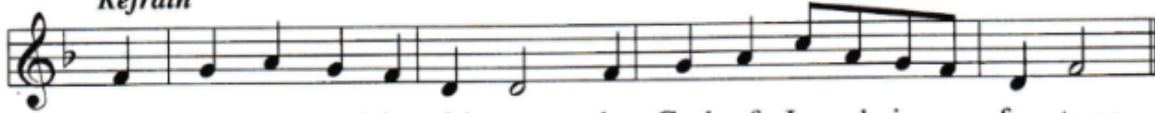
P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!



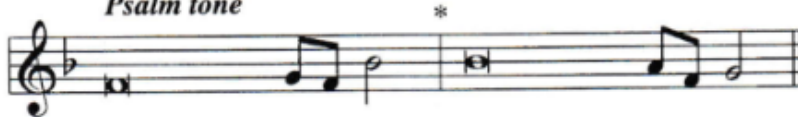
Psalm 46

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



God is our refúge and strength,*
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the éarth give way*
and the mountains fall into the heart óf the sea,

though its waters róar and foam*
and the mountains quake with their súrging.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*
the holy place where the Most Hígh dwells.

God is within her, she wíll not fall;*
God will help her at b'reak of day.

“Be still, and know that Í am God;*
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted ín the earth.”

**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

Psalm Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, whenever the devil, the world, and our flesh throw our lives into tumult, show us the fortress walls with which you have surrounded us. Lead us to drink from the delightful streams of your Word. Calm our spirits with the reassuring tones of your voice as you say, “Be still, and know that I am God.”

C: Amen.

The Second Reading: **1 Peter 5:1-7** – The Apostle Peter appeals to the elders to be shepherds of God’s flock.

¹To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ’s sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ²Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

⁵In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Alleluia.

Stand

The Gospel: **Matthew 9:35-10:4** – Jesus sent his disciples to sheep who needed a shepherd.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapters.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

¹Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

Be Seated

Hymn: “God’s Sower Plows the Hardened Ground” (CW93 85)
(Text by Dr. John C. Lawrenz)

**God’s sower plows the hardened ground
Where thorns and thistles yet abound
His zeal for good uproots and kills
The source of all our human ills
Yet by the law he cannot loose
New life, nor fruits of faith produce
The Gospel is the only way
To give new birth to hardened clay**

**God’s sower sows where he has plowed;
He speaks God’s saving truth aloud,
Absolves the sinner who repents,
Administers the sacraments,
Consoles the dying in their day,
And teaches children how to pray.
His words like seeds take root and grow;
Forgiveness, pardon, peace then flow.**

**As planter, tender, harvester,
God summons men to minister;
The fields are white, the willing, few;
And great the work still left to do.
By birth and by his daily deeds
No man is fit to plant the seeds,
To tend the field, or reap the grain,
One sin to loose or to retain.**

**Our competence is from above;
It’s rooted in the Father’s love;
It grows in Jesus Christ the Lord;
Its reaper is the Spirit’s sword.
Be strong, have courage in the Lord,
When called to serve with his strong Word.
And let your confidence be this,
That he is yours and you are his!**

The Sermon Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 – *New Farmer, Same Seed*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Installation of a Pastor

The pastor elect approaches the altar.

The presiding minister speaks to the congregation:

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said to his church: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

In his great love, our risen and ascended Lord has established the gospel ministry and promises to provide his church with qualified servants to lead his people in carrying out this commission. St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians: “[Christ] ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe. So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

The minister speaks to the pastor elect:

Dear brother, the Lord Jesus and this congregation have called you to serve in the pastoral ministry. It is good for you to hear the Lord’s will concerning this calling.

St. Paul wrote that a pastor must be “above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil’s trap.”

Paul urged Timothy to “set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” He further advised him: “Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

The apostle gave these additional words of encouragement: “Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. Keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.”

In all your tasks and responsibilities, our Lord Jesus equips you with the gospel of the forgiveness of sins, the gift that makes you truly competent as a servant of Christ. St. Paul wrote: “Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God.”

The minister addresses these questions to the pastor elect:

In keeping with the Word and will of the Lord, I ask you before God and his people:

Do you believe that the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

I do.

Do you accept the three Ecumenical Creeds—the Apostles’, the Nicene, and the Athanasian—because they are faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors that they condemn?

I do.

Do you accept the Unaltered Augsburg Confession along with the other confessions in the Book of Concord: the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Small and Large Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, and the Formula of Concord, because they are true expositions of the Word of God and correct presentations of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church?

I do.

Do you solemnly promise that all your teaching and your administration of the sacraments will conform to the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions?

I do.

Are you willing to carry out the work entrusted to you according to the grace that God gives?

I am, and I ask God to help me.

Will you endeavor to live a life that reflects the love God has for you so that all may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

The almighty God, who has given you the desire to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

The minister speaks to the congregation:

Brothers and sisters, you have heard the promises spoken by the pastor you have called. I encourage you to receive him with joy and remember what the Word of God calls you to do.

Listen eagerly to the preaching of the Word and receive it not as the word of men but as the Word of God.

Work together with him for the Lord’s kingdom, so that your shared service may bring spiritual blessings to the Savior’s people.

Keep him and his work in your prayers, so that his ministry may be blessed and that he may carry out his work with joy.

Provide for his physical needs, for the Savior said, “The worker deserves his wages.”

Honor and love him, as St. Paul urged: “Acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.”

I now ask you in the presence of God:

Are you willing to receive your pastor as a servant of Christ? Will you show him love and honor and support him with your gifts and prayers? If so, answer: We will, and we ask God to help us.

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The almighty and merciful God strengthen you to do what you have promised.

Installation

The pastor elect kneels. Laying his right hand on the head of the pastor elect, the minister says:

Patrick Feldhus, I install you as pastor at New Life Ev. Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord pour out on you his Holy Spirit for the work you have been called to do that you may faithfully carry out all your duties and responsibilities with the Word of God as your confidence and guide.

Those assisting may lay their right hands on the head of the pastor and speak an appropriate Bible passage and blessing.

The pastor stands.

The minister invites the congregation to pray.

Let us pray.

P: Lord God, gracious Father, you send pastors to serve your people in the ministry of the gospel. Fill your servant with your Holy Spirit that he may carry out this ministry despite his weaknesses and faults. Lead and guide him with your power and love, encourage him as he proclaims the Word and administers the sacraments, and make him a blessing to all those he serves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The minister says to the pastor:

Go, then, dear brother, and take up the work to which you have been called.

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, working in you what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The newly installed pastor presides during the remainder of the service.

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.

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 738 “The Son of God, Our Christ” (CW93 525)



The members of New Life Church extend a warm welcome to Pastor Feldhus, his wife Debbie, and his children Rebekah, Caleb and Moriah



Pastor Patrick Feldhus was born in Brookings, South Dakota and lived his first 6 years on a farm. He then moved with his mother and brothers to Rhode Island where he resided until he was 22 years old. Pastor met his wife, Debbie, in Rhode Island. They got married on April 29, 2000. In the fall of 2002, they moved to New Ulm so Pastor could begin his training for pastoral ministry. It was in New Ulm where two of his children were born, Rebekah 3/18/03 and Caleb 4/13/05. Upon completing the necessary credits, the Feldhus family moved to Wisconsin for Pastor to finish his masters of divinity at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. During his Vicar year at First Evan in Racine, Wisconsin, his third child was born, Moriah 6/23/08. After finishing the required studies at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Pastor Feldhus received a divine call to serve St. John's in Cornell, Wisconsin. During his time there, the congregation at Our Redeemer in Ladysmith, Wisconsin became a joint congregation with St. John's in Cornell. In 2017, Pastor received a divine call to serve as Chaplain at Hope Residence and Jesus Cares Consultant in Belle Plaine, Wisconsin. He took the call and they moved to Minnesota. During Covid, a small congregation, Grace Lutheran Church in Le Sueur Minnesota, called Pastor half-time. Pastor Feldhus is looking forward to joining the ministry at New Life and seeing where the Lord will take them to the honor and glory of his Son, Jesus Christ our Savior!

