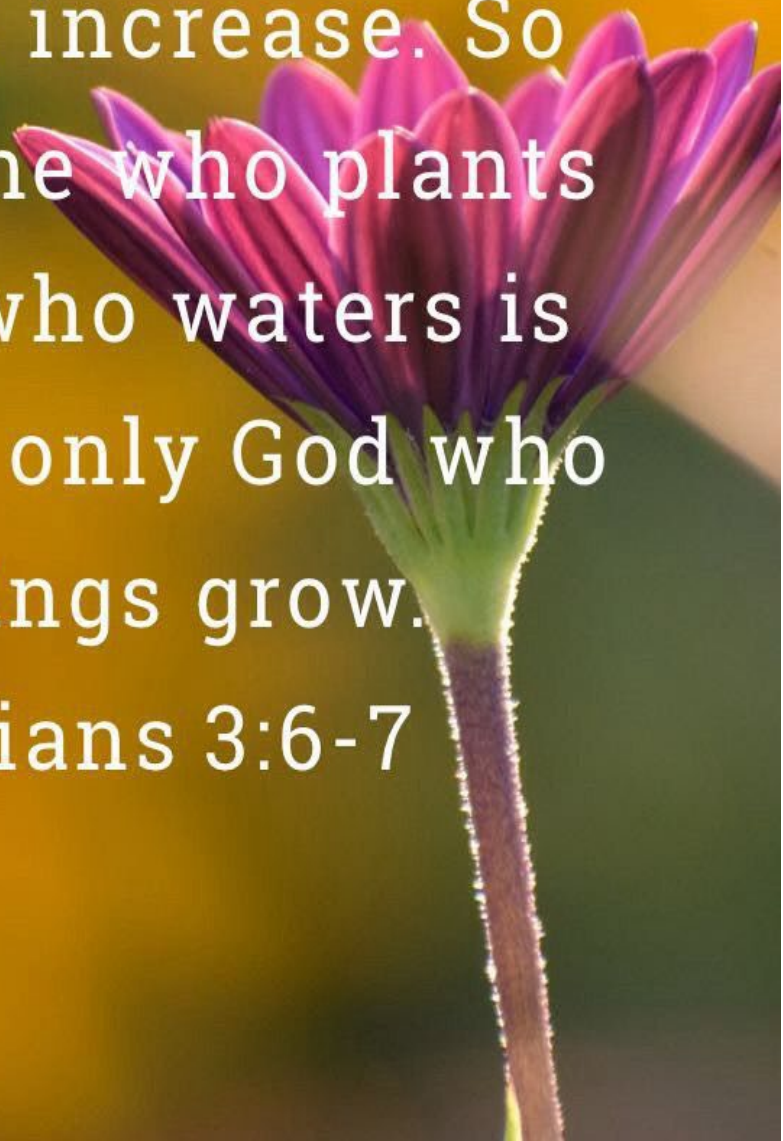




I planted, Apollos watered, but
God gave the increase. So
neither the one who plants
nor the one who waters is
anything, but only God who
makes things grow.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 12, 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: Spirit of God, through the transforming gift of faith, You bring us sonship and life. Replace our fear with fruitfulness, and teach our hearts to cry, "Abba! Father!" through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Today's Theme:

WHAT MAKES CHRISTIANS DIFFERENT CHRISTIANS ARE PLANTED BY THE WORD

Planting seed by hand can be extraordinary. In your hand, the seed looks lifeless and insignificant. You put the seed into the soil, and suddenly, all by itself, the seed germinates and sprouts and reaches to the sun. Except when it doesn't! Plant multiple seeds, and often only some will grow.

The Bible describes Christians as planted by the Word. Why do some people grow in faith, and not others? What makes Christians different? The Bible describes the supernatural process by which God calls people to faith through the gospel. He promises that his Word always accomplishes his purpose. It is powerful all on its own, without our help. As we grow in faith, we give God thanks for the miracle of his work in our lives.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: **CW 819** "If God Himself Be for Me" (CW93 419)

Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Opening Sentences *Isaiah 60:21; Psalm 92:13; Jeremiah 32:41*

Pastor: Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land forever,

People: **the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I might be glorified.**

Pastor: They are planted in the house of the Lord;

People: **they flourish in the courts of our God.**

Pastor: I will rejoice in doing them good,

People: **and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness.**

Confession *Colossians 1:13–14*

Pastor: The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness

People: **and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

Pastor: Almighty God and Father,

People: **we confess, as Your people, our need for Your merciful kindness. We are prisoners of our own wants, our own fears, and our own inborn sinfulness. Our actions and interactions often fail as reflections of Your kingdom. Our thoughts, desires, and actions are often borne out of love for ourselves, rather than our love for others or for You. Forgive us and free us, Lord, to love what You love and go where You lead, all by the grace of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Kyrie— *The congregation and Pastor sing...*



Absolution

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**People: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship You, we give You thanks we praise You for Your glory!
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.**

(Interlude)

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
Receive our prayer, receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
For You alone are the holy One, You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.**

**Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth.
Glory to God, glory to God!**

The Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The First Lesson: **Isaiah 55:6-11** – God’s Word produces the fruit that God desires.

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.

⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the LORD.

⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (NIV 2011)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 55:10-11

10 As the rain and the snow come down
from heaven, and do not return to it
without watering the earth and making it
bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for
the sower and bread for the eater,

11 so is my word that goes out from my
mouth: It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire and
achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Psalm 65



Praise awaits *you*, O God,*
you call forth *songs* of joy.

You care for the land and *water* it;*
you soften it with showers and *bless* its crops.

The streams of God are filled with *water**
to provide the people with grain.

Refrain

You crown the year with your *bounty*,*
and your carts overflow with *abundance*.

The grasslands of the desert *overflow*;*
the hills are clothed with *gladness*.

The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;*
they shout for *joy* and sing.

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 3:5-11** – We sow the seed of God’s Word, but only he can make it grow.

⁵ What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹ For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.

¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. (NIV 2011)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

The Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 13:1-9,18-23** – Jesus pictures ministry as a planter scattering seed.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

¹⁸ “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.” (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.

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day: **CW 644** “Almighty God, Your Word is Cast” (CW93 324)

The Sermon 1 Corinthians 3:5-11 “Watch and See What God Will Do Through You!”

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

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

P: With one voice, the church cries out,

C: “Abba! Father!”

P: Heavenly, holy Father, we praise You for Your unending mercies, shown in Your loving faithfulness. Give us grateful hearts that seek to praise You for Your fatherly goodness.

C: Abba, Father, hear our prayer.

P: Kind, compassionate Father, You made a place for us within Your family through the sending of Your Son. May our hearts, likewise, resemble Yours, mercifully caring for one another in our fellowship.

C: Abba, Father, hear our prayer.

P: Sending, seeking Father, who received us through the Spirit of adoption, we pray with urgency for those who have yet to hear the Gospel, and for those who have ignored or rejected Your Word, that souls would be saved and the harvest might increase.

C: Abba, Father, hear our prayer.

P: Lavish, loving Father, for those given to share Your Word, we give You thanks. Bless all pastors and all those who faithfully teach Your truth, and grant that the garden of Your church produce abundant workers who will join You in Your mission.

C: Abba, Father, hear our prayer.

P: Powerful, purposeful Father, Your Word accomplishes its goal and brings peace and joy to Your people, even as they suffer. [*Specific petitions may be added.*]. Bring them healing and defend them in faith.

C: Abba, Father, hear our prayer.

P: Forever faithful Father, secure us in hope and faithfulness, that we might flourish in the places You have planted us, until the harvest that comes with the return of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in His name, there He is with them to shepherd His flock until He comes again in glory. 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. A - men. A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef. It consists of three systems of two staves each. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the final two lines, which end with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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

The Song of Simeon

The musical score for 'The Song of Simeon' is written on five staves of music. 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 -'. The second staff continues with 'part ac - cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal-'. The third staff continues with 'va - tion, which you have pre-pared for ev-'ry peo - ple, a'. The fourth staff continues with 'light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the'. The fifth staff concludes with 'glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.' The music is in a single melodic line on a treble clef staff.

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.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy 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 640** "God's Word is Our Great Heritage" (CW93 293)

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Daugherty/Dundore

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

Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM

Annual Voter's Meeting at 10:45 AM

Church Lunch at Noon

Cornhole/Bags Tournament following Lunch

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

Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM

ANNUAL VOTER'S MEETING AND CHURCH LUNCHEON

New Life's Annual Voter's Meeting and Luncheon will take place today with the Voter's Meeting beginning at 10:45 am and lunch being served around noon. A cornhole "bags" tournament will take place after lunch, so plan on joining us for an afternoon of food, fellowship and fun.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STAFF/CRAFT MEETING

There will be a staff and craft meeting on Monday, July 20th at 10 am. If you would like to help prepare crafts for the week of VBS, the staff would be happy to see you at the meeting.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will take place from July 27th to July 31st daily from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. If you would like to advertise our VBS in the community, there are signs and posters available downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

