

*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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**All Saints Day (Observed)  
November 5, 2017**

*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 basement 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 basement 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.*

*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.*

*Before Service Prayer:*

By all Your saints still striving,  
For all Your saints at rest,  
Your holy name, O Jesus,  
Forevermore be blessed.  
You rose, our King victorious,  
That they might wear the crown  
And ever shine in splendor  
Reflected from Your throne. Amen. (CW 552 vs. 1)

*Today's Service:* "Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish" CPH and "Service of the Word" NPH reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-800156 and under CCLI license #1132777.

*Today's Theme:* The Christian church on earth observed All Saints Day on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Today, we will consider what it means to be a saint below.

*Pastor's Welcome*

*Opening Hymn:* CW 550 "Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"

*Invocation*

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

**People: Amen.**

*Opening Sentences (CW 551 vs. 1)*

Pastor: For all the saints who from their labors rest,

**People: All who their faith before the world confessed,**

Pastor: Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

**People: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Confession and Absolution*

Pastor: We are made saints by the blood of Jesus. We acknowledge, however, that we remain sinners in thought, word, and deed. Let us then confess our sins with the saints around us and before our forgiving God.

*We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sins and our need for the Savior.*

Pastor: Holy God,

**People: You have called us to obey You in all things and to live according to Your commands. We have failed to be obedient, even though You have set us apart to be holy. We have been sinful in our thoughts, words, and actions. We confess our faults and seek Your cleansing forgiveness.**

Pastor: Saints of God, know that even as you confess your sins, You are forgiven by our God, the Holy One who has called you to be holy. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by the command of our 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.**

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

**Holy God, we praise Your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before You.  
All on earth Your scepter claim;  
All in heav'n above adore You.  
Infinite Your vast domain,  
Everlasting is Your reign.**

**Hark! the glad celestial song  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Prophets, martyrs join the throng,  
In unceasing chorus praising  
With the Church in one accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord!**

**Blest Redeemer, virgin's Son,  
Holy Spirit, vict'ry claiming,  
Now ascended to His throne,  
Judge and king, His grace proclaiming,  
Opens heav'n to all His own,  
Praise and thanks to God alone!**

**Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name You;  
Though in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim You,  
Then, adoring, bend the knee  
And confess the mystery. (CW 278)**

Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us the grace to live as those who have been made holy by the blood of the Lamb, that we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

The First Lesson: **Revelation 7:9–17** (*The white-robed multitude of saints worship before the throne of God.*)

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

<sup>11</sup> All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying:

“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

<sup>14</sup> I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God

and serve Him day and night in his temple;

and He who sits on the throne

will shelter them with His presence.

<sup>16</sup> ‘Never again will they hunger;

never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,’

nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb at the center of the throne

will be their shepherd;

‘He will lead them to springs of living water.’

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’” (NIV 2011)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Psalmody—based on the first lesson from Revelation:* **CWS 730 “Blessed Are They”**

*The Second Lesson:* **1 John 3:1–3** (*The purified saints are God’s beloved children.*)

<sup>1</sup> See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. <sup>3</sup> All who have this hope in Him purify themselves, just as He is pure. (NIV 2011)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Verse of the Day:* Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia. (Hebrews 12:1a, 2a)



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*

*The Gospel Lesson:* **Matthew 5:1–12** (*Jesus blesses His saints as they come to Him.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to Him, <sup>2</sup> and He began to teach them.

He said:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (NIV 2011)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day: CW 551 “For All the Saints”

The Sermon

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.**

The Offering

The Offertory

### The Prayer of the Church

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

For the gift of God's peace to rest upon all His saints, that we may know the blessing of His forgiveness in the cross and resurrection of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Holy Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, which is the communion of saints, that the saving Gospel of Christ may be proclaimed both here and throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Holy Lord, send forth Your saving Word.**

Pastor: For our native land, our local community, and for all who lead and govern us, that the saints of God may lead peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Holy Lord, grant Your favor to our land.**

Pastor: For all those who are in need, for those who hunger both physically and spiritually, and for all those who feel lost and are without a home, that they may come to the Father's house of mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Holy Lord, guide us unto You.**

Pastor: For those who are sick, hospitalized, and homebound, for those who are recovering from surgery and for those who await procedures in the coming days, that they may be consoled by the faithful care of the Great Physician, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Holy Lord, give healing and strength to all who are in need.**

*(Special prayers may be offered here.)*

Pastor: For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before our faithful Father, we may take refuge in His never-failing care for all His saints, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Holy Lord, we give You thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God, we thank You for teaching us the things You want us to believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to keep Your word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

Closing Sentences (CW 551 vs. 8)

Pastor: From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

**People: Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,**

Pastor: Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

**People: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Benediction

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: CWS 727 "There Is a Higher Throne"

The Announcements

<b>Our Father's Business in the Coming Week</b>
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*Cleaning this Week: Bauer / Spangle*

**Today— Worship Service at 9:30 AM**

Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM

**Rally Bus Leaves at 1:15 PM**

**SEW Reformation Rally in Milwaukee at 3:30 PM**

NO Confirmation Class

**Monday**—Pastor's Circuit Meeting in Libertyville at 9:30 AM

**Tuesday**—Church Council at 7:00 PM

**Wednesday**—Men's Bible Class at 11:30 AM

**Next Sunday**—Choir Practice at 8:45 AM

**Communion Service at 9:30 AM**

Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Adopt-A-Sailor Planning Meeting at Noon

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Adult Bible class is covering a video series entitled "Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture." Today we will cover lesson nine entitled "One Authority: Scripture Alone." Bible class meets in the café at 10:45 AM.

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level.

Sign-up sheets for Thanksgiving Day are located on the board in the lower level. Even if you are unable to attend, you can still sign-up to bring something for this special event!

Congratulations to John and Evie Henkel who were blessed with the gift of a daughter on Wednesday, October 18th. Hazel Henkel weighs in at 6 lbs., 12 oz., and stretches the tape at 20.5 inches. Hazel was baptized at New Life this past Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A booklet of the 30-year history of New Life has been put together by Joe Berg. Joe will hand out a copy to each family after the service today. Extra copies can be found in the tract rack on the table in the entryway.

#### United Way

The United Way's fall fund drive is underway right now, and many employers will match employee contributions. Tree of Life Lutheran Preschool is recognized by the United Way, so this is a great opportunity to help out with our education and community outreach efforts via the preschool. "10438331" is the ID number for Tree of Life. All contributions are greatly appreciated!

#### Upcoming Stewardship Opportunity—Parking Lot Resurfacing

The average lifespan of a parking lot such as ours is 15 years before major rehab is necessary. Through diligent maintenance efforts over the past 17 years, we have been able to keep the north lot in reasonable shape. However, we are reaching the point of diminishing returns with patching and sealing, and costs are only going to escalate over time. Mindful that good stewardship includes taking proper care of the things God has given, the Church Council has decided it's time to start planning to reinforce the north lot.

This will be an expensive undertaking. We have received estimates from \$35,000, to grind off the top layers and resurface, to over \$60,000 to tear it all the way down and rebuild. The Council has decided to start a "Parking Lot Fund" (similar to the Building Fund established for the addition) for members to contribute directly to this effort.

More information will be forthcoming.

### **Our Faithfulness to God's Word Last Sunday—52**

#### **Fall WLCFS Educational Presentations— New Life Fall Parenting Series**

New Life will once again host parenting seminars presented by counselors from WLCFS. Each of the three seminars will begin at 7:00 PM. There is no cost or obligation to attend. Here's a look at the upcoming topic for November:



**You've Got a Friend in Me—**

**Wednesday, November 15th at 7:00 PM**

