

*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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**First Sunday in Lent
March 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. And 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: Savior, as we begin another Lenten season, give to us a full appreciation of what You went through during the last days of Your life to earn life for us. It was our sin and our wickedness that made it necessary for You to go through so much. We are genuinely sorry for our transgressions. We hang our head in shame over what we have done. Without You, we have no hope. Despair would be our lot. Yet, Lent reminds us that there is hope for all who trust in You. You have willingly taken upon Yourself our iniquities. You have carried our sorrows. Your sacrifice has wiped away all sin. Thank You, dearest Redeemer, for suffering in our place. Hear us, Lord, contrite sinners. Amen.

Today's Service: *Service of the Word, NPH, Gathering Rite, GIA; reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-800156*

Today's Theme: The Son of God goes forth to war and defeats the devil for us. The Prayer of the Day sets the tone for the Sunday: the ancient foe warred on mankind in the garden, but God promised to send a champion to battle on our behalf. The Second Adam came to do what the first could not, and in the desert the battle was joined. *But for us fights the Valiant One whom God Himself elected...He holds the field forever* (A Mighty Fortress).

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: "The Glory of These Forty Days" (WOV 657)

**The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom all things were made,
Himself has fasted and has prayed.**

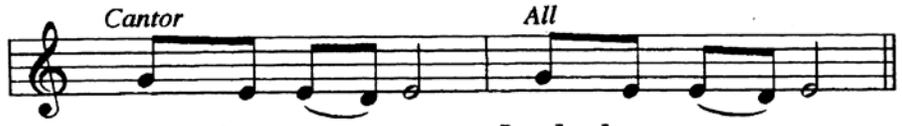
**Alone and fasting Moses saw
the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came
the steeds and chariots of flames.**

**So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became
the herald of Messiah's name.**

**Then grant, O God, that we may, too,
return in fast and prayer to You.
Our spirits strengthen with Your grace,
and give us joy to see Your face.**

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- L: 1. Lord Jesus, obedient in the desert:
 2. Christ Jesus, the promise of salvation:
 3. Lord Jesus, the flood of living water:

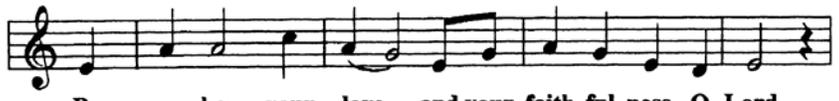


1. Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.
2. Christ, have mer - cy.	Christ, have mer - cy.
3. Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.

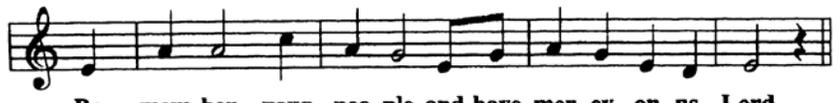
P: Having heard your confession, I assure you that our gracious Father in heaven has heard your prayer, and by the command of the Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. (spoken) (*immediately repeat the refrain*)

Refrain



Re - mem-ber your love and your faith-ful-ness, O Lord.



Re - mem-ber your peo-ple and have mer-cy on us, Lord.

The Collect

P: Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in Your word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen (spoken)

The First Lesson: GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (God had placed Adam into a perfect world and called on him to worship the Lord his God and serve him only. But Adam did not. He worshipped himself and ate the forbidden fruit, and so plunged the world into an age of darkness and death. Before that day, man's destiny had been life eternal with God in glory, but death came rushing in the vacuum left behind when holiness and peace vanished. Everything changed that day that Adam fell. But God looked down at these children that He created, and like the parent of a wayward child, He loved them in spite of themselves. God loved them and us and wanted us to live again—to live the way He had intended—with life and light and peace. So God made a promise: What you could not do, I will do in your place. Because man could not live perfectly and serve God faithfully, God promised to one day become a man to do it in our place. Thousands of years later God made good on His promise in the womb of the Virgin. He became man with one mission: to right what was wrong, to do what we had left undone. God became man to do what man could not.)

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴ “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. (NIV 2011)



Psalm of the Day: **Psalm 130**

The image shows musical notation for Psalm 130. It consists of three staves. The first two staves are labeled "Refrain" and contain the lyrics: "Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;" and "re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love." The third staff is labeled "Psalm tone" and contains a single line of music with an asterisk above it.

Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD;*
O Lord, hear my voice.
Let Your ears be attentive*
To my cry for mercy.
If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins,*
O Lord, who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness;*
therefore You are feared.

Refrain

I wait for the LORD and in His Word I put my hope.*
My soul waits for the Lord more than
watchmen wait for the morning.
O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,*
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with Him is full redemption.

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: **ROMANS 5:12-19** (Paul provides a New Testament commentary on the First Lesson and shows the universal effects of the First Adam's failure and the Second Adam's victory. Adam was a son of God in human flesh (Luke 3:38), but Adam failed the tests of his sonship. Through his flesh he passed his failure on to all of his children, condemning us to sin and death. So God sent another Son in human flesh to be the Son that Adam had not been. He obeyed where Adam did not. The obedience of the second Adam had as wide an effect as the disobedience of the first: He gives His victory to us and declares us righteous and brings life for all.)*

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. (NIV 2011)

*Verse of the Day: It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only."
(Matthew 4:10b) (Sung by the pastor)*

Stand

The Gospel Lesson: **MATTHEW 4:1-11** *(The Second Adam goes to war to regain all that the first Adam had lost. Empowered by His baptism and led by the Spirit, Jesus defeats the devil for us. This lesson is not a “how-to” guide for Christians to fight temptation. The point, rather, is that Jesus fought as the champion of mankind by walking to the cross in obedience to His Father’s plan. Satan tempted Christ to use the greatest weapons at His disposal—miracle, mystery and authority—to shortcut this mission. He tempted the Son to have a distrustful Sonship, a presumptive Sonship, a disloyal Sonship. Satan would have had his way with us, but not with our champion! Jesus won this and every battle with the devil, and now one little word can fell him.)*

Pastor: Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. The tempter came to Him and said,

Lector 1: “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

Pastor: Jesus answered,

Lector 2: “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Pastor: Then the devil took Him to the holy city and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple. He said to Him,

Lector 1: “If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:

“‘He will command His angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

Pastor: Jesus answered him,

Lector 2: “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Pastor: Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.

Lector 1: “All this I will give You,” he said, “if You will bow down and worship me.”

Pastor: Jesus said to him,

Lector 2: “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.’”

Pastor: Then the devil left Him, and angels came and attended Him. (NIV 2011)

Hymn of the Day: "I Run to Christ"

A 7 D A/C# B min A D G E A

1. I run to Christ when chased by fear And find a ref - uge sure.
2. I run to Christ when worn by life And find my soul re - freshed.
3. I run to Christ when stalked by sin And find a sure es - cape.

D A/C# B min A D G A 7 D

"Be - lieve in me," His voice I hear; His words and wounds se - cure.
"Come un - to me," He calls through strife; Fa - tigue gives way to rest.
"De - liv - er me," I cry to Him; Temp - ta - tion yields to grace.

A/C# B min G D/F# F# min B min E min D/F# GMaj7 A

I run to Christ when torn by grief And find a - bun - dant peace.
I run to Christ when vexed by hell And find a might - y arm.
I run to Christ when plagued by shame And find my one de - fense.

D A/C# B min A D G A 7 D

"I too had tears," He gen - tly speaks; Thus joy and sor - row meet.
"The Dev - il flees," the Scrip - tures tell; He roars, but can - not harm.
"I bore God's wrath," He pleads my case— My Ad - vo - cate and Friend.

The Sermon

The Apostle's 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 Children's Sermon

The Offering

The Offertory—"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" *played by New Life's Tone Chime Choir*

The Offering Prayer

The Prayer of the Church

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.

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us strong in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us Your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** (spoken)

The Blessing

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: **Amen** (spoken)

The Closing Hymn: **CW 201 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

Announcements

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Sarvady

Today— Worship Service at 9:30 AM
Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM
Wedding Shower at Noon
Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Monday—Pastors’ Circuit Meeting at 9:30 AM

Wednesday—**Midweek Lenten Service #2**
Supper at 6:15 PM
Service at 7:00 PM
Church Council at 8:00 PM
Training Session for LZACC Showcase Booth at 8:00 PM

Saturday—LZACC Showcase at Lake Zurich High School from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Next Sunday—Communion Service at 9:30 AM
Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM
Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

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.

New Life will host a booth at the Lake Zurich Chamber of Commerce Community Showcase this Saturday, March 11. The activity at the booth will consist of helping kids plant tree seedlings into pots, as part of our “Tree of Life” Lutheran preschool promotion. A volunteer sign-up sheet is located on bulletin board in the lower level. Tree of Life currently has 5 three-year-old children and 13 four-year-old children registered for next year. **A training session for the volunteers will take place after the mid-week Lenten service on Wednesday, March 8th.**

Schedule of Volunteers

9:00 – 11:00 AM (*actual start time of the Showcase is 9:30 AM*)

- 1) Craig and Holly LaPlante
- 2) Brent Anderson
- 3) ONE MORE VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

11:00 AM- 1:00 PM

- 1) Tobias and Joan James
- 2) Sheila McBean
- 3) Joe & Sheila Berg

1:00 – 3:00 PM

- 1) Mike Spangle
- 2) John Lester
- 3) Pastor Bauer

Thank you to the tone chime choir for playing for our service this morning.

The Branch Connection will be hosting a wedding shower for Lydia Bauer today at noon. Sandwiches, cupcakes and punch will be provided, please bring an appetizer, salad or side to share. All women and girls of New Life are invited to attend!

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to send kids from our church to Training Camp at this past week's Ash Wednesday meal. If you wish, you can place a gift for this purpose in the offering plate. Simply mark it "Camp."

This Wednesday, Pastor Jack Kelly from Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Zion will be our guest pastor. The theme for next week is "Lent With Luther—Standing Through Persecution." The meal is an opportunity to spend time with fellow members and also an opportunity to spend some time with Rev. Kelly, who like the rest of the pastors in the circuit, has served his church for 20 years.

Material for celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the start of the Lutheran Reformation can be found on the table next to the Branch Connection's greeting card display.

The crosses made on the Lenten banner were made by members using the ashes that were rendered from the palm branches used last year on Palm Sunday.

