

*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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**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
April 2, 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:*

O God who hate the false and loves the true,  
In vain I tried to hide my sin from You:  
I tossed and turned until my tongue confessed;  
Then Your forgiveness brought me peace and rest  
And shelter from sin's torment and disgrace—  
O Lord, be evermore my hiding place. Amen.

*Today's Service:* *Service of the Word, NPH, Gathering Rite, GIA; reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-800156 and under CCLI license #1132777.*

*Today's Theme:* Jesus will raise us from death to life. The crown jewel of the coming kingdom is the resurrection of the dead. One day, Jesus will defeat the last enemy (1 Corinthians 15:27) and life will reign again in our new Eden with God. On our Lenten walk to Calvary, the Church sees the Savior come face to face with death and defeat it completely.

*Pastor's Welcome*

*Opening Hymn:* **CW 99 "Oh, Come, My Soul"**

*Stand*

*Gathering Rite* (Soloist sings through the refrain once, Congregation sings the refrain, Soloist sings the verses, Congregation sings the refrain as indicated throughout the song)



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.

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear? The Lord is my life and my refuge, when I call God hears. **Refrain:**

L: If You dwelt, O Lord, upon our sinfulness, then who could stand? But with You there is mercy and forgiveness and a guiding hand. **Refrain:**

L: O Lord, hear the sound of my call and answer me. My heart cries out for Your presence, it is You I seek. **Refrain:**

### Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.** (spoken)

### Confession, Kyrie, Absolution

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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:



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| 1. Lord, have mer - cy.   | <b>Lord, have mer - cy.</b>   |
| 2. Christ, have mer - cy. | <b>Christ, have mer - cy.</b> |
| 3. Lord, have mer - cy.   | <b>Lord, have mer - cy.</b>   |

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: Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed Your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through His anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; 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: EZEKIEL 37:1-14* (Israel in exile was as good as dead. Cut off and helpless, the Israelites were not like an army but like a valley full of bones. Yet God promises to bring this nation back to life. In raising Israel from the death of exile, God foreshadowed the great work of Christ: the resurrection of God's people from the dead. Here He speaks to a figuratively dead nation; one day He will speak it literally: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them. The crown jewel of the kingdom will be given to all who believe—to all who have the Spirit. Reminiscent of the Spirit's first life-giving act on Adam will be the Life-giver's ultimate act on us. God says: I will put My Spirit in you, and you will live.)

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was on me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign LORD, You alone know."

<sup>4</sup>Then He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!' <sup>5</sup>This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup>I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup>Then He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

<sup>11</sup>Then He said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>Then you, My people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. <sup>14</sup>I will put My Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'" (NIV 2011)

*Psalm of the Day:* **Psalm 116**

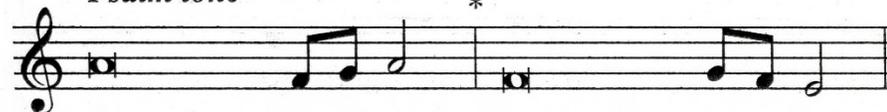


I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,



in the land of the liv - ing.

*Psalm tone*



I love the LORD, for He heard my voice;\*  
He heard my cry for mercy.

Because He turned His ear to me,\*  
I will call on Him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;\*  
when I was in great need, He saved me.

**Refrain**

For You, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD\*  
For all His goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation\*  
And call on the name of the LORD.

**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 8:11-19 (The indwelling of the Spirit proves our possession of the crown jewel of the kingdom, the resurrection from the dead. If the Spirit is in us, God will most certainly grant true and real life to our mortal bodies. The knowledge of our future glory lets us approach God without fear and bear suffering as children of God and coheirs with Christ.)*

<sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

<sup>14</sup> For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.

<sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. (NIV 2011)

*Verse of the Day: (Sung by the soloist) The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)*

*Stand*

*The Gospel Lesson: JOHN 11:17-27, 38-45 (Jesus performed the greatest miracle of His ministry to prove to us the certainty of His greatest promise. Death has hounded mankind since the garden and caused misery that God never intended for His children. When Christ saw the effects of death on His loved ones, He wept with them, but also promised them that one day even this last enemy would be defeated. Martha, too often remembered for her busyness, should be remembered for her confession of faith—so complete, so noble—that encompassed everything Jesus had preached. It even encompassed teachings the disciples struggled to comprehend! She believed in Jesus’ promise of a future resurrection, and so Jesus gave proof to her and to us that His promise is true. By that same faith, He will give to us the crown jewel of the kingdom. The one who is resurrection and life will also give resurrection and life to all who believe. Jesus’ victory in this battle with death was a forgone conclusion: He thanked God for it in advance. But Lazarus’ response to the command of Christ stirs the heart of every Christian who has stared at the ugly face of death: the dead man came out.)*

<sup>17</sup> On His arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet Him, but Mary stayed at home.

<sup>21</sup> “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if You had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give You whatever You ask.”

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

<sup>24</sup> Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”

<sup>27</sup> “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

<sup>38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> “Take away the stone,” He said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

<sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that You sent Me.”

<sup>43</sup> When He had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup> Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in Him. (NIV 2011)

*Hymn of the Day:* CW 110 “My Song is Love Unknown”

### 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—“O Dearest Jesus”—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: Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold to what is good. Return no person evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak and help the suffering. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.

**C: Amen.** (spoken)

*The Closing Hymn:* **CW 452 “Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”**

*Announcements*

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

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

**Monday**—Northern Circuit meeting at Christ the King in Palatine at 9:30 AM  
No Men’s Bible Class

**Wednesday—Midweek Lenten Service #6**  
**Supper at 6:15 PM**  
**Service at 7:00 PM**  
Church Council at 8:00 PM  
Egg Hunt Assembly at 8:00 PM

**Next Sunday—Palm Sunday / Procession of Palms**  
Communion Service at 9:30 AM  
Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM  
Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Sign-up sheets for Easter lilies and Easter breakfast can be found on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

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.

This Wednesday, Pastor Kevin Raddatz from St. John in Libertyville will be our guest pastor. The theme for the service is “Lent With Luther—Standing Unafraid.” The meal is an opportunity to spend time with fellow members and also an opportunity to spend some time with Rev. Raddatz, who like the rest of the pastors in the circuit, has served his church for close to 20 years. Slow cooker pork and apples are on the menu for the meal.

#### Sunday Bible Class

A member of the Bible class asked that the hotly debated topic of “immigration” be examined from a Biblical perspective. Pastor Bauer has begun covering the topic, last week looking at: “No longer foreigners but fellow citizens and a definition of terms.” Today, the class will look at: *Old Testament treatment of aliens, migration in the Bible, Old Testament examples of border enforcement, Nationalism vs. Globalism, a Christian’s relationship to his / her government, the purpose of government, immigrant responsibilities, reasons for immigration, special cases, the cost, the Christian’s agenda of mercy and justice, the employer’s responsibility, refugee immigrants, the concept of “sanctuary,” morality and immigration, and false conclusions.*

Contained in your bulletin today is an Easter postcard which you can use to invite friends and neighbors to Holy Week services here at New Life. 3,000 postcards have been sent to the residents of Lake Zurich. Please pray that some of those invitations would be accepted.

Next Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. The kids will be invited to process with Palms next Sunday at the beginning of the service. Please send your kids to the fellowship hall prior to the start of the service.



“I will put My Spirit in you and you will live.” (Ez. 34:17)

**Our Faithfulness to God’s Word Last Sunday—33**  
**Mid-Week Lenten Service—16**



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