

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church

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Confirmation Sunday / Third Sunday after Pentecost
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“Where is This Written?”

On this Third Sunday of the Pentecost season, which serves as Confirmation Sunday, we would like to extend a warm welcome to the family and friends of our 8th grade confirmands, Emma Landenberger and Alyssa Meister, as well as other guests who have joined us for worship this morning. May you find comfort, joy, strength and peace as you worship the Lord 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, a cake reception for the confirmands will be 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 that is wired directly to the fire department.

Before Service Prayer: Heavenly Father, who ignites and inspires our faith, thank You for having touched these confirmand's lives, that they have gotten to know You better through Your Word and by the action of the Holy Spirit. We have prayed so much for them. We have spent time encouraging them and instructing them! However, we always knew that only Your Holy Spirit could knock on the door of their hearts and enter.

They will make their confession of faith today in front of their church family. They believe in their hearts and confess with their mouths in order to be saved. It will be a very special moment for them and very meaningful for us. They will recognize their sinfulness and confess their faith in Jesus. They will promise fidelity and service to Your kingdom.

May their confession of faith be sincere and aware that the Holy Spirit has revealed this marvelous grace to them. Protect them from every evil and help them to continue to grow in faith. In the name of Christ, in whom we believe and confess that we may be saved. Amen. (Taken from “In the Name of Jesus”—Prayers for Every Occasion)

Today's Service: Morning Praise, NPH; used with permission under the OneLicense.net copyright agreement #A-800156 and under CCLI license #11327771. The service is a revision of the historic Order of Matins. Matins (comes from the Latin matutinus meaning "of the morning") was the monastic service marking the beginning of the new day. In Morning Praise we sing back to God the message He has given us in His word.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CWS 735 "Speak, O Lord"

Remain seated

Invocation

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

Congregation: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, mighty Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived up to our calling as Your faithful people. So often we have done the evil You forbid and too many times have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy on us, merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all wrongs that need Your grace, and with the power of the Holy Spirit direct us to serve You faithfully all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: If this is our heartfelt confession, then there is good news for us! The heavenly Father sent us His Son Jesus to atone for our sins. In Him, God's kingdom has already come among us! This does not come to us because we confess it, but because God's grace, God's choice, God's intervention in Jesus saves us from our sins. Do you believe this?

C: I do so believe.

P: Because of Christ's redemptive work, we are a redeemed and forgiven people. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. This very forgiveness is God's good news for us today, for tomorrow, for forever.

C: Amen.

Stand

(We sing words from Psalm 70)

L O Lord, o - pen my lips.

C And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

L Hasten to save me, O God.

C O Lord, come quickly to help me.

L Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

(We sing words from Psalm 95 in a song called the "Venite")

L Refrain

C Refrain



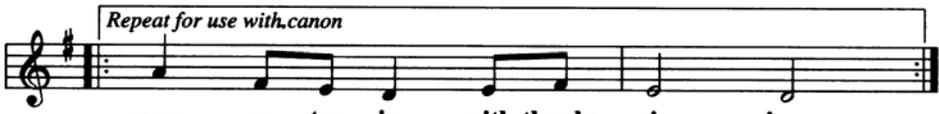
Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,



let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;



come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,



come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.



Verses

L 1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.



You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,



to Refrain

you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

Sit

***The First Lesson: Daniel 9:1-3** (Daniel survived the lions den and existence as a captive in a foreign land. When Daniel wanted to know how long the exile would last, he knew where to look. Daniel studied the Bible, and found his answer there.)*

¹ In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom— ² in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. ³ So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with Him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes. (NIV 2011)



Psalm of the Day: **Psalm 119b**

The image shows musical notation for Psalm 119b. It consists of three staves. The first two staves are labeled "Refrain" and contain the lyrics: "Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life." The third staff is labeled "Psalm tone" and contains a single melodic line with an asterisk above it.

Teach me, O LORD, to follow Your decrees;*
then I will keep them to the end.
Give me understanding, and I will keep Your law*
and obey it with all my heart.
Direct me in the path of Your commands,*
for there I find delight.

Refrain

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;*
preserve my life according to Your Word.
Fulfill Your promise to Your servant,*
so that You may be feared.
How I long for Your precepts!*
Preserve my life in Your righteousness.

**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 Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (Paul points his young protégé Timothy back to the Scriptures which have done two things for Timothy: first, they made him wise for salvation; second, they guided and instructed him for a godly life.)

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (NIV 2011)

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia. (Jeremiah 15:15 cf. RSV)

Stand

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-27 (The confused Emmaus disciples pour out their hearts to a stranger, who is the risen Jesus. Jesus points them back to the Scriptures and teaches them that what happened in Jerusalem had to happen for God's plan of salvation to be fulfilled.)

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus Himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing Him. ¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ "What things?" He asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. ²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter His glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself. (NIV 2011)

Sit

The Hymn of the Day: CWS 784 "O Gracious Lord, With Love Draw Near"

The Sermon

(After the sermon, we stand and sing the "Te Deum," an ancient and majestic canticle of the Christian church, a confession of faith, a mighty hymn of praise to God. Luther loved the Te Deum and referred to it as a fine creed.)

The Te Deum

L Refrain

C Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



L 1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **C** We praise you, we
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! **L** With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **C** We
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! **L** With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
 O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **C** We
 You have ris - en to free us;



praise you, we praise you! **L** With the mar - tyrs and your
 To the Trin - i - ty most
 And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,
 bless - ed, **C** We sing in end - less **praise!**
 glo - ry, *to Refrain*
to Refrain
to Final Refrain

Final Refrain



C You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

The Offering

The Offertory

The Offering Prayer

The Kyrie



[L] In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;



be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.



[C] Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

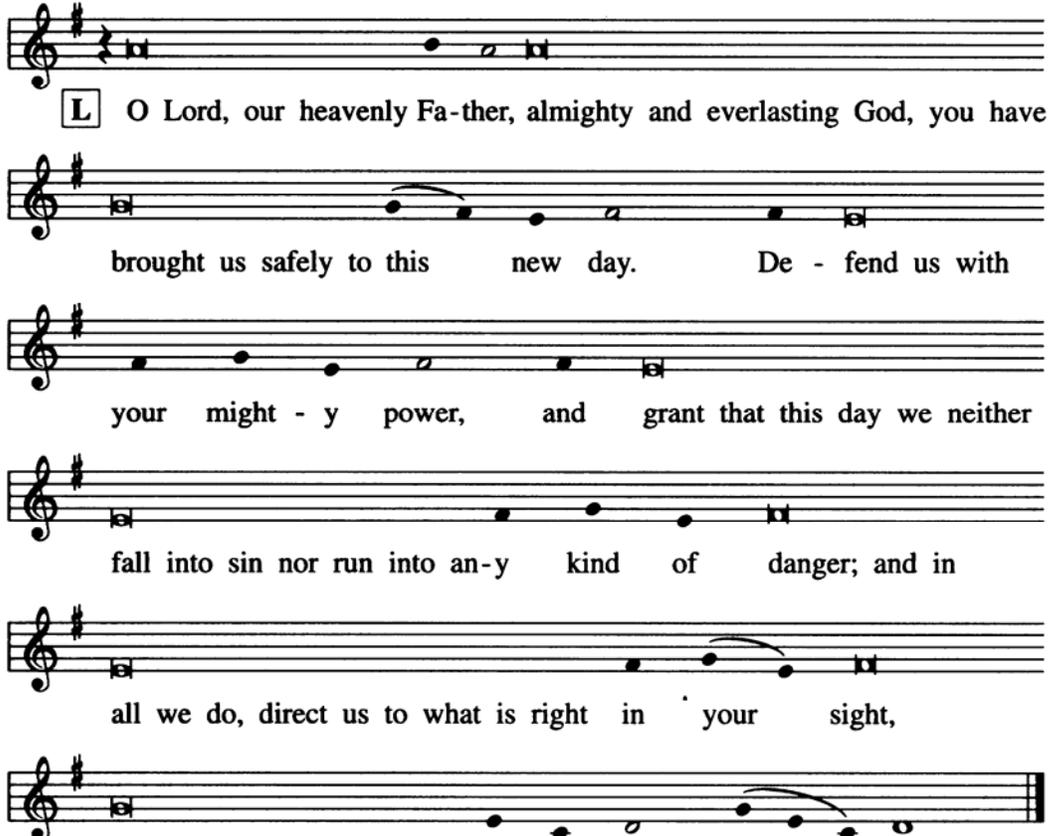
The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Prayer of the Church

The Rite of Confirmation

The Prayer for Grace



L O Lord, our heavenly Fa-ther, almighty and everlasting God, you have
brought us safely to this new day. De - fend us with
your might - y power, and grant that this day we neither
fall into sin nor run into an-y kind of danger; and in
all we do, direct us to what is right in ' your sight,
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **C** A - men.



L Let us praise the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

L The Lord bless and keep you.

C A - men.

L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.

C A - men.

L The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

C A - men.

Closing Hymn: CW 597 "May God the Father of Our Lord"

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Dall

Today— Confirmation Service at 9:30 PM

Tuesday—Church Council at 7:00 PM

Wednesday—Wilma Landenberger's funeral in Cleveland, OH

Thursday—Bible Class in the Café at 7:00 PM

Friday—Men's Bible Class at Noon

Next Sunday—Communion Service at 9:30 AM

LWMS Display Work at 11:00 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.

Bible Class in the Basement will be held this Thursday at 7:00 PM. The class is studying the book of Nehemiah. The book of Nehemiah tells the story of the tremendous difficulty the returning exiles had as they tried to rebuild Jerusalem. There was opposition from the enemies of God's people, but also internal opposition as well. Nehemiah gives us the picture of a God-fearing man dealing with many different types of situations in order to get the job done.

Friday noon Men's Bible Class just started a new eight-part study called "Christianity—the First Three Centuries." What happened in the life of the church after Luke's account in the book of Acts comes to an end? This Bible study series uses a video and takes a look at how God was gracious and prospered his Church despite tremendous opposition and persecution.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society will hold its annual convention in St. Charles, IL June 23rd through June 26th. New Life has signed up to prepare a booth focusing on mission work in Colombia for the event. The Branch Connection will be putting the display together on Sunday, June 12th after the morning's service. People are needed, both men and women, to help out for about an hour to work on the display.

The Sunday School remitted a total of \$169.09 the second half of the school year for their Sunday School offering designated for the LWMS C.A.R.E. program.

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