

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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500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation & New Life's 30th Anniversary October 29, 2017

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. We especially welcome friends of New Life and former members of New Life on this special anniversary day. You may hang your coat in the entryway 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 entryway. 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 that is wired directly to the fire department.

Before Service Prayer: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank You for preserving Your holy Church against the very forces of hell. For the gift of the blessed gospel we praise Your name. For the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection from the dead, and life eternal in Christ, we thank You, loving Father. Help us to treasure the rich heritage handed down from our fathers in the faith. Continue to raise up faithful pastors and teachers among us in the spirit of Martin Luther, so that we can carry on Your saving work to the end of time. All glory to Your name! Amen.

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As We Gather: Today we celebrate two anniversaries. We give thanks to God that He saw to it that five hundred years ago His saving truth was restored to His church on earth through the reforming work of Martin Luther. We also give thanks to God that thirty years ago our congregation was officially organized.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CWS 775 "For Builders Bold Whose Vision Pure"

Remain seated

Invocation (The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

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

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution (Small Catechism; Romans 3:22b–24)

Pastor: Confession has two parts.

People: First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have placed other gods before You. We have failed to fear, love, and trust in You above all things. We humbly ask that for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You would have mercy on us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my 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.

Hymn of Praise

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

For many years, Oh God of grace,
This church has been your dwelling place
And we Your congregation.
Upon the precious cornerstone
Our faith is built, and Christ alone
Is still our one foundation.
Today We pray; Let us greet You, Lord, and meet You Here with singing,
All our praises to You bringing.

Here children have been born anew;
Their parents brought them unto You,
Your promises confessing.
Here many found a table spread;
They ate Christ's body with the bread
And drank the cup of blessing.
Today We pray; Banish sadness, As with gladness We adore You,
Gladly worship here before You.

Here when the marriage vows were made,
Both bride and bridegroom sought Your aid,
Your love their own transcending.
Here mourners with their troubled hearts
Have found the peace Your Word imparts,
The joy that has no ending.
Today We pray: May the story Of Your glory Here resounding
Be a song of grace abounding. (CW 622)

Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Collect for the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, as Your baptized people, You have called us to follow You. By Your Holy Spirit, grant that we abide in Your Word, that we may truly be Your disciples and know the truth, which sets us free; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

First Reading: **Revelation 14:6-7** (*Johann Bugenhagen, Luther's pastor, identified Luther as the "angel, proclaiming the eternal gospel," when Bugenhagen preached for Luther's funeral. Luther's message was one of law, "fear God," and gospel, "Give God glory."*)

⁶Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come. Worship Him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water." (NIV 2011)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: **Psalm 46** (*the psalm "A Mighty Fortress" is based on*)

**The Lord of hosts is with us, the God whom Jacob loved;
Therefore, we will not tremble, though all the earth be moved,
Though mountains quake in tumult, and mighty waves appear.
The Lord of hosts is with us to shelter us from fear!**

**God breaks the spear asunder and causes war to cease.
His voice sounds forth like thunder, that we may live in peace:
"Be still! Bow down! Acknowledge that I alone am Lord,
Exalted in the heavens, by all the earth adored!"**

**God is our mighty Fortress; therefore, let fear be gone.
His blessings flow like waters, as certain as the dawn,
And so, whate'er betide us, our confidence is sure:
The Lord of hosts is with us, and we are safe, secure! (CW 474)**

Second Reading: **Romans 3:19-28** (*A man is justified by faith.*)

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

²¹But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of His blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance He had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶He did it to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

²⁷Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. (NIV 2011)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day:

Luke 12:32

Matthew Macheimer

Choir: Refrain

Congregation:

Refrain



Choir: Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Congregation: Refrain

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel Lesson: **John 8:31-36** (*The truth will set you free.*)

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you remain in My word, you are really My disciples.

³² You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³ "We are Abraham's descendants," they answered, "and we have never been slaves of anyone. How can You say, 'You will be set free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Everyone who keeps committing sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ But a slave does not remain in the family forever. A son does remain forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.” (EHV)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: CW 201 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

The Sermon Text: **2 Timothy 4:9-18**

9 Do your best to come to me quickly, 10 for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. 11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. 12 I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. 13 When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

14 Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. 15 You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

16 At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. 17 But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion’s mouth. 18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Sermon Theme: **The Lord Will Rescue Me**

- 1. From every evil**
- 2. So the preaching may go on**
- 3. By His presence and strength**

The Creed (to be sung—tune CW 203)

**When time began, God took a stand
With mighty voice that spoke command:
“Let there be light!” The darkness heard
And bowed to God’s creating Word.**

**When time was full, that Word made flesh
Came to redeem the world afresh.
Forever lives the Crucified,
Who took His stand here at our side!**

**The time is now! The Spirit sent,
Active in Word and sacrament,
Unites God’s saints on ev’ry hand,
That with the Lord we e’er may stand.**

The Offering—“O God Beyond All Praising”—played by New Life’s Tone Chime Choir

The Offering Prayer

The Prayer of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer: (Luther’s paraphrase, Pastor leads the prayer; Congregation prays in unison the bold, underlined parts)

God, **our Father in heaven**, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace, so that Your holy **name may be hallowed** by us, and all the world, through the pure teaching of Your Word, and the devoted love of our lives. Graciously turn from us all false teaching and evil living, whereby Your precious name is being blasphemed and profaned.

May **Your kingdom come** to us and expand. May all transgressors, and those blinded and bound in the Devil’s kingdom, be brought to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith. And may the number of Christians be increased.

May we be strengthened by Your Spirit, **to do** and to suffer **Your will** both in life and death, in good and evil things, always to break, slay and sacrifice our own wills.

Give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us to trust that You will provide for all of our needs.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us, so that our hearts may rest, and rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.

Lead us not into temptation, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue the flesh, to despise the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his tricks.

And lastly, **deliver us from evil** of body and soul, now and forever.

Amen. We trust without any doubt that it is yes, and answered in heaven as Christ has promised: “*Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you shall receive it, and you will.*” Amen.

Choir Selection: “**For Years on Years of Matchless Grace**”

Closing Scriptures:

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;

People: All are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Pastor: I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ,

People: For it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

Pastor: In the Gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness which is by faith from first to last;
People: For it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

Pastor: Therefore, since we have been justified through faith,
People: We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: Here we stand! We cannot do otherwise. God help us. Amen.

A Reformation Benediction (From Luther's writings)

Pastor: Let the Word of God be ever in your heart, on your lips, and in your ears. It always awakens new understanding, pleasure and devotion and purifies the heart and thoughts. When people cling to the Word in this way, our Lord and Savior and the entire heavenly host smile. This is most certainly true!

People: Amen.

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.

Closing Hymn: CW 293 “God’s Word is Our Great Heritage”

**God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.**

Announcements

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: LaPlante

**Today— New Life’s 30th Anniversary /
500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation**

**German Breakfast at 8:15 AM
Worship Service at 9:30 AM
Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM
Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM**

**Tuesday—*Reformation Day*
Evening Vespers at 7:00 PM**

Wednesday—Men’s Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Next Sunday—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

Adult Bible class is covering a video series entitled “Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture.” Today we will cover lesson eight entitled “All Serve Christ: Vocation.” 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.

Thank you to Rev. Jim Naumann, former pastor of Christ the King in Palatine, for serving as our guest preacher this morning. Thank you also to those who brought something for the breakfast this morning.

The 55 passenger coach bus for the Southeastern Wisconsin District Reformation Rally to be held at the Miller High Life Theatre in Milwaukee, WI on Sunday, November 5th is FULL! The 19 signed-up from New Life are: John and Wendy Landenberger, Joe and Sheila Berg, Sheila McBean, Donna Bolzman, Brent Anderson, Pastor & Rachel Bauer, Craig and Holly LaPlante, Joan James, Pat Dexter, Chris Nicklaus, Bill Plautz, Mike Spangle, Susan Sarvady, and Carol Petri and her daughter Lee Ann. There are four on a waiting list, so let Pastor Bauer know if you signed up but cannot attend. The bus will leave PROMPTLY at 1:15 PM.

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.

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!

UP-COMING 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.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARTIN LUTHER NAILING THE 95 THESES TO THE DOOR OF THE CASTLE CHURCH IN WITTENBERG, GERMANY, ON OCTOBER 31, 1517, NEW LIFE WILL OFFER EVENING VESPERS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 AT 7:00 PM. THE THEME FOR THE SERVICE WILL BE, "WALKING WITH GOD."

ON THE ANNIVERSARY, WE WILL WALK DOWN THE STREETS OF WITTENBERG, FROM THE WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY, DOWN COLLEGE STREET, PAST THE CITY SQUARE (MARKT) DOWN CASTLE STREET TO THE DOORS OF THE CASTLE CHURCH.

REFORMATION EVENING VESPERS

OCTOBER 31, 2017 AT 7:00 PM

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN LAKE ZURICH



Our Faithfulness to God's Word Last Sunday—57



