



New Life Ev. Lutheran Church Lake Zurich, IL

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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 lower level 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 fellowship hall 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. The service is also simulcast on the church's Facebook page.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this evening'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. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

Before Service Prayer: In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into Your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen. (Luther's Evening Prayer)

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AS WE GATHER

At the corner of Hayden Hill and Walkley Hill roads in Haddam, Connecticut, stands the colonial home of one of the early resident families of that little town on the Connecticut River: the Thankful Arnold House. Now the location for the town's Historical Society, it is the home where Thankful Clark Arnold and her husband, Joseph, raised their twelve children, beginning in 1798. The house stayed in the family for over 150 years until a family member gifted it to the local community. At one time, "Thankful" was a proper and common name for girls and women. It served as a testimony to the goodness of God throughout that individual's life. In his "Song of Thanks" recorded in First Chronicles, King David exclaimed "Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!" (16:8). No matter what personal name we may carry throughout our lives, we can individually express our great thankfulness to God for all the blessings that we receive day by day and season after season.

✘ PREPARATION ✘

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✘ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 54:6; 79:13; 136:1; 145:10*

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
People: **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,
People: **and all Your saints shall bless You!**

Pastor: I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.
People: **We, Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.**

HYMN "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" [CW93 482]

**Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness, For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,
For songs of praise for worldly wealthiness, While of Your richer gifts we're unaware.**

**Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace, For life and vision, for a purpose clear,
For Christ, Your Son, and for each human face That shows Your message ever new and near.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise, For words that speak at variance with deeds.
Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways, Unmindful of a broken brother's needs.**

**Open our eyes to see Your love's intent, To know with minds and hearts its depth and height.
Let thankful days in loving labor spent Reflect the truly Christ-like life and light.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:9, adapt.*

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,
People: **to God my exceeding joy.**

Pastor: If we confess our sins, our God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
People: **Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God, our gracious Father.
People: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, creator of all things, we confess that we are indeed sin-filled people. We are by nature sinful, and sin is present in our lives each day, in thought, word, and deed. We know that have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You require of us. We have not always**

lived lives that reflect thankfulness to You, the giver of all that is good. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Lord, who is the source of our salvation. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may live faithfully and with great gratitude here on earth until that time beyond time when we rejoice together in Your eternal presence.

Pastor: Our God has promised to hear us and to grant forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for His grace and mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you be kept steadfast in the Holy Spirit, living each day in thankfulness to God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" [CW93 613]

**Come, you thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.
God our maker shall provide For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest-home.**

**All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and weeds together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last In the fire the weeds to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come To Your final harvest-home;
Gather all Your people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, In Your garner to abide.
Come with all Your angels, come; Raise the glorious harvest-home.**

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty and eternal God, we adore You as the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus, and with the whole church on earth and all the hosts of heaven we ascribe to You honor and blessing, thanksgiving and praise. Grant that we may with thankful hearts receive Your great mercies and express our gratitude, not only with our lips but also in our lives as we give ourselves to Your service and walk before You in holiness and righteousness all our days. Grant us faith that works in love, hope that never disappoints, kindness that never fails, confidence in You that never wavers, patience that does not grow weary, and courage always ready to confess Christ, that we may live in Your mercy and die in Your peace; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

SEQUENCE OF THANKS

Pastor: Often in conjunction with the celebration of a Day of Thanksgiving, people individually express that for which they are thankful. A thankful remembrance can well be a blessing. Most important, however, is that proper thanks be directed to the source of every blessing—to our gracious God. The sacred writer of the book of Lamentations reminds us, “The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end” (3:22). As those who confess the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—it is well that we direct our thanks to each person of the blessed Trinity, beginning with God the Father, our creator and preserver. After listing some of the dynamics of God’s bounty in the “what does this mean” response to the First Article of the Creed, Martin Luther concludes, “For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him” (*LSB*, p. 322).

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 8:1–10* (A call to remember the goodness of the Lord)

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. ² Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep His commands. ³ He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ⁴ Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you.

⁶ Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in obedience to Him and revering Him. ⁷ For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; ⁸ a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; ⁹ a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land He has given you. (NIV 2011)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Refrain

Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.

Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone

May God be gracious to us and bless us*
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,*
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,*
for you rule the peoples justly
and guide the nations of the earth.

Refrain

Then the land will yield its harvest,*
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,*
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**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

EPISTLE *Philippians 4:6–9* (With thanksgiving present your requests to God.)

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Psalms 145:15–16; 118:1*

Pastor: The eyes of all look to You, O Lord,

People: **and You give them their food in due season.**

Pastor: You open Your hand

People: **and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: **His steadfast love endures forever.**

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:11–19* (One leper of ten healed shows gratitude to Jesus.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

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

¹¹Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As He was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met Him. They stood at a distance ¹³and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

¹⁴When He saw them, He said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then He said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

HYMN OF THE EVENING

CW 609 “We Praise You, O God” [CW93 609]

SERMON

CREEDAL HYMN

“We All Believe in One True God”

[CW93 270]

**We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need, Praised by all the heav'nly host,
By whose mighty pow'r alone All is made and wrought and done.**

**We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son,
Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won,
By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.**

**We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both fore'er proceeds,
Who upholds and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessed, holy Trinity, Hear our praise eternally!**

OFFERING

The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord's Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life's website.



OFFERTORY

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, giving thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

Gracious God, gratefully we remember Your bountiful gifts to all of us. We remember Your many acts of kindness to Your people through all ages. We bless You for the orderly progression of the seasons and thank You for the bountiful harvest of the fruits of the earth. We thank You,

People: **for Your steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: Let us pray for the church, here and around the world, giving thanks for the joyful message of the Gospel as it is faithfully proclaimed from generation to generation.

Almighty God, we thank You for the church, where Your Holy Spirit gathers us as Your people to receive Your gifts and celebrate Your goodness. Bless the work of missionaries, teachers, health workers, and all others who give witness to Your unchanging love. We thank You,

People: for Your steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray for the world in which we live, giving thanks for the amazing place in which we live and asking that we may readily share the bounty we receive from the hand of the Lord.

Caring God, we thank You for the world in which we live as together we pray for the community of nations around the globe. Continue to give us all things needful and grant that we may be good stewards of the earth. Grant that our homes be places of love and care and our neighborhoods be centers of welcome and compassion. We thank You,

People: for Your steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray for those people who are blessings to us in our homes, in our communities, and beyond, remembering our local emergency workers, our national defenders, and the many workers in the agricultural fields across our nation and beyond.

Giver of all good gifts, we thank You for the faithful labor of people living out their vocations for our welfare. Bless the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, who selflessly serve to defend our nation in challenging times and who guarantee our safety in times of peace. We remember those whose labor brings a rich variety of food to our tables in this and in every season. We thank You,

People: for Your steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray for those with special needs for compassion at this time, that they may know the care of the Lord and our care as well. Let us also bring thankfully to mind those who have completed their earthly journey and now rejoice in the Lord's eternal kingdom.

Lord of time and of eternity, we remember in our petitions those with special concerns and needs including the ill, the hospitalized, and the homebound, those who sorrow, the unemployed and underemployed. Grant that we find purpose and blessing in assisting those who need our concern and our care. On this Thanksgiving Eve, we also recall those no longer among us on earth, who now rejoice in the glorious light of Your heavenly kingdom. May we be inspired by their faithful witness and seek to be Your agents of blessing during our earthly lives as we look forward to that time when we rejoice together and give You eternal thanks and praise. We thank You,

People: for Your steadfast love endures forever. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: 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.

SEQUENCE OF THANKS

Pastor: As God's thankful people, we praise God the Son for His work of redemption and for His blessed example of giving thanks. After His resurrection on Easter Sunday, Jesus shared a meal with the Emmaus disciples. Before eating, He gave thanks. He did the same before feeding the thousands and before giving the Lord's Supper. Jesus gave thanks as part of His worship life, and He lived His daily life with gratefulness, interacting graciously with friends and followers alike. Also we give thanks to the Holy Spirit, who dwells in our hearts and who richly and daily blesses God's people with priceless gifts that strengthen our fellowship on earth and give us a foretaste of heaven.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, You crown the fields with Your blessing and permit us to gather the fruits of the earth. As stewards of Your creation, may we receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your bounty with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN **CW 506** "For the Fruits of His Creation" [CW93 611]

Announcements

