

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday in Advent—Advent with Zechariah

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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. 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. 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. Our ushers have been charged with doing their best to be aware of any danger faced by the congregation and will remain in the entryway during the service.

Before Service Prayer: Dear Father, the time is near for us to commemorate the birth of Your Son, our Savior. We wish to receive Him into our hearts. But heavenly Father, my heart is stained with sin. It is not fit as a home for one so pure and holy. There is pride, doubt, insincerity, false humility, and fleshly desire to want my will and not Yours be done. That is why I come to You and ask that You not only forgive me this uninviting heart, but that You use Your Word to root out all that makes me unfit to be called Your own. Let me look forward, not only to the arrival of the Babe of Bethlehem, but also the arrival of the King of kings as He comes in glory. Amen.

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Today's Service: *The setting of the liturgy used in this service, prepared by David Haas and published by GIA Publications in 1998 is entitled, "Jesus, the Compassion of God." The service is used with permission under the OneLicense.net copyright agreement #A-800156 and under CCLI license #1132777.*

Today's Theme: Everything the angel Gabriel said would come true for Zechariah and Elizabeth, did come true.

Pastor's Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath—The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes our patient anticipation of Christ's coming which draws nearer and nearer.

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

C: the light no darkness can overcome.

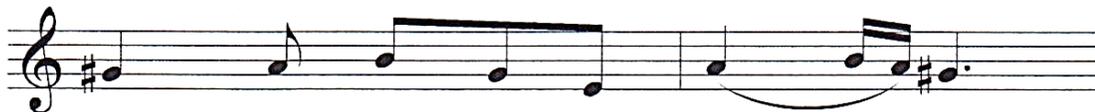
P: Jesus, let Your light scatter the darkness

C: and illumine Your Church.

Two Advent candles are lit during the Opening Hymn.



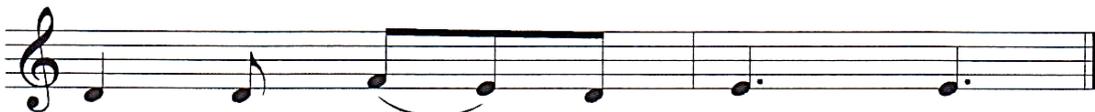
1 Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah:
2 Light two can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:



Let the light ban - ish dark - ness.
Let the light ban - ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el,
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd,



God - ful - fills the prom - ise.
Gent - ly lead them home - ward.

Lord, Have Mercy

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

After each of the prayers are sung by the first soloist, the second soloist will sing the first half of the response and the congregation will repeat what has just been sung. *Kyrie (or Christe) eleison* means, Lord, have mercy.

- Soloist:
- 1) Lord Jesus, You raise us to new life:
 - 2) Lord Jesus, You forgive us our sins:
 - 3) Lord Jesus, You feed us with Your body and blood:



1. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,
2. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,
3. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,



Ky - ri - e. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e -
Chri - ste. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, e -
Ky - ri - e. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e -



le - i - son, Ky - ri - e.
le - i - son, Chri - ste.
le - i - son, Ky - ri - e.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

Glory to God

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

Soloist sings the refrain. Congregation repeats the refrain and sings it again as indicated throughout the song. The soloist will sing the verses.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est!

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God

Last time to Coda ♪

in the high-est! Peace to his peo - ple on earth!

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, which includes a Coda symbol (a diamond with a cross) before the final phrase. The lyrics are printed below each staff.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. **(Refrain)**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **(Refrain)**

You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **(Refrain)**

Sing the final refrain twice. Conclude the second time by singing the Coda:

♪ Coda

Peace on earth!

The image shows a single staff of musical notation for the Coda section. It begins with a Coda symbol (a diamond with a cross) and the word 'Coda'. The melody consists of four quarter notes: 'Peace', 'on', 'earth!', and a final note. The lyrics are printed below the staff.

Prayer of the Day

P: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for Your only Son. By His coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; 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: Isaiah 40:1-9 (The prophet declares that “a voice” will prepare the way for the Lord. That voice was John the Baptist.)

¹ Comfort, comfort My people,
says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the LORD’s hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice of one calling:
“In the wilderness prepare
the way for the LORD;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶ A voice says, “Cry out.”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”
“All people are like grass,
and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

⁷ The grass withers and the flowers fall,
because the breath of the LORD blows on them.
Surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures forever.”

⁹ You who bring good news to Zion,
go up on a high mountain.
You who bring good news to Jerusalem,
lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid;
say to the towns of Judah,
“Here is your God!” (NIV 2011)

Gospel Acclamation:

The soloist sings the refrain first. The congregation repeats. The soloist sings the verses. Repeat the refrain as indicated.



Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening; You have the words of everlasting life. **(Refrain)**

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life. **(Refrain)**

Prepare God's path, make straight God's highway: And all shall see the saving pow'r of God. **(Refrain)**

The Gospel Lesson: **Luke 1:57-66** (Everything God promised to Zechariah through the angelic messenger came true.)

⁵⁷ When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. ⁵⁸ Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.

⁵⁹ On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, ⁶⁰ but his mother spoke up and said, "No! He is to be called John."

⁶¹ They said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who has that name."

⁶² Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. ⁶³ He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John." ⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵ All the neighbors were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. ⁶⁶ Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, "What then is this child going to be?" For the Lord's hand was with him. (NIV 2011)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to You, O Christ.** (spoken)

Hymn of the Day: **CW 16 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory

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.

The Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

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

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy Holy

All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Words of Institution (spoken by the Pastor)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. *repeat as needed*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. *repeat as needed*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world, grant us peace.

Our Communion Practice

New Life Lutheran Church practices “close communion.” We ask that only members of New Life or other WELS or ELS churches partake of the sacrament. We ask our visitors to please respect our communion practice.

The Distribution Hymn: CW 11 “Comfort, Comfort All My People”

Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: And His mercy endures forever.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it You will strengthen our faith in You and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Blessing

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: **CW 13 “There’s a Voice in the Wilderness Crying”**

Announcements

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: LaPlante

Today— Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Tuesday—Branch Connection Christmas Party 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

Preschool Christmas Program at 1:30 PM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Adult Bible class is continuing a study of Islam. 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.

The Branch Connection is having their annual Christmas Party on THIS Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 PM. Please bring a \$15 gift for the gift exchange and an appetizer to share. Punch will be provided.

Also, the ladies will be doing a service project to benefit “New Beginnings—A Home for Single Mothers” located in Milwaukee, WI. We will be putting together First Aid kits for the moms. **We are asking for specific items to be donated for the kits.** You will find sign-up sheets for both the party and the service project on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. ALL women of the congregation are encouraged to attend!

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the lower level if you’d like to purchase a poinsettia to adorn the Lord’s chancel for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The cost for each poinsettia is \$8.00 and checks can be made payable to Kelly Daugherty.

The Sunday School kids are continuing to work on their recitation parts and songs for the Christmas Eve service. It’s important that your child / children be in Sunday school so they can not only learn God’s word, but also learn what to say and sing on Christmas Eve Day. **The children will have rehearsal for the Christmas Eve Day service on Saturday, Dec. 23rd from 9:00-10:30 AM.** The offering envelopes for 2018 have been assigned and can be picked up from the table in the entryway.

Envelopes for 2018 have been assigned and are located on a table in the entryway. Included in the packet are “parking lot fund” envelopes, one for each month, January through September, when we hope to meet our parking lot goal. Also, an updated New Life Endowment Fund flier is included in the envelope packet.

Upcoming Special Services

Christmas Eve Day Children’s Service

Sunday, Dec. 24th at 9:30 AM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, Dec. 24th at 7:00 PM

Christmas Day Christmas Carol Communion Service

Monday, Dec. 25th at 10:30 AM

New Year’s Eve Day Service

Sunday, Jan. 31st at 9:30 AM

NO New Year’s Day Service

Our Faithfulness to God’s Word:

Last Sunday—57

Advent Fest--28

