

***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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**Last Sunday of the Christian Church Year—Christ the King  
November 26, 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. 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:** Lord Jesus Christ, by Your victory You have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim You King of kings and Lord of lords to Your unending praise and glory; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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**Pastor's Welcome**

**Our Shepherd Reigns!**

*A Celebration of Christ the King throughout the seasons of the Church Year*

**Opening Hymn:** (tune CW 256)

**Our Shepherd reigns! We hear Him gently call us;  
We know His voice; He loves us each the same.  
Our Shepherd reigns! No evil can befall us  
For He is here—He calls us each by name.  
Our Shepherd reigns! In pastures green He feeds;  
Within His flock His sheep are blest.  
Our Shepherd reigns! To waters still He leads;  
Within His flock we safely rest.**

**Our Shepherd reigns! With His own blood He bought us;  
For His dear sheep His life He gladly gave.  
Our Shepherd reigns! When we had strayed, He sought us,  
From ev'ry foe His precious lambs to save.  
Our Shepherd reigns! He wondrously provides:  
His righteous paths are safely trod.  
Our Shepherd reigns! Through valleys dark He guides,  
Comfort we find—His staff and rod.**

Invocation

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

**People: Amen.**

Opening Verses

Pastor: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

**People: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving. Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.**

Pastor: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**People: He holds the deepest part of the earth in His Hands, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The ocean is the Lord's because He made it, and with His own hands He formed the dry land.**

Pastor: Oh, come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

**People: For He is our God. And we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

**Our Shepherd reigns! A table He prepares us  
Where fearsome enemies can do no harm.  
Our Shepherd reigns, upon His shoulder bears us;  
We are protected by His mighty arm.  
Our Shepherd reigns, the Kings of kings alone!  
Let ev'ry creature bend the knee.  
Our Shepherd reigns! Come, gather 'round His throne  
To sing His praise eternally!**

Pastor: Almighty God, You have crowned Your Son as King and by Him You will renew all creation. With Jesus as our Shepherd, unite the families of earth now torn apart, that all may be subjected to His gentle rule. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**Our Shepherd reigns! His bounteous gifts bestowing,  
He is beside us all our journey through.  
Our Shepherd reigns! Our cup is overflowing;  
Goodness and mercy shall our paths pursue.  
Our Shepherd reigns! His wondrous mercy tell;  
His praise proclaim, His name adore.  
Our Shepherd reigns! Secure, we thus shall dwell  
Within in His house forevermore.**

**Advent**.....2 Samuel 7:8-10, 16

<sup>8</sup> “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over My people Israel. <sup>9</sup> I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed.

<sup>16</sup> Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before Me; your throne will be established forever.’” (NIV 2011)

**Hail to the Lord’s anointed, great David’s greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!  
To Him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still unceasing, a kingdom without end. (CW 93)**

**Christmas**.....Micah 5:2-5a

<sup>2</sup> “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
out of you will come for Me  
one who will be ruler over Israel,  
whose origins are from of old,  
from ancient times.”

<sup>3</sup> Therefore Israel will be abandoned  
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,  
and the rest of His brothers return  
to join the Israelites.

<sup>4</sup> He will stand and shepherd His flock  
in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God.  
And they will live securely, for then His greatness  
will reach to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup> And He will be our peace. (NIV 2011)

**Shepherds, why this jubilee! Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire Your heav’nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! (CW 63)**

**Epiphany**.....Exodus 3:1-8a

<sup>1</sup> Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.<sup>2</sup> There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. <sup>3</sup> So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

<sup>4</sup> When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.”

<sup>5</sup> “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup> Then He said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of My people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.” <sup>8</sup> So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey. (NIV 2011)

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by Thee.**

**Holy Jesus, ev’ry day keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls as last  
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide. (CW 83)**

**Lent.....Ezekiel 34:11-16**

<sup>11</sup> “For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for My sheep and look after them. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after My sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. <sup>13</sup> I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. <sup>14</sup> I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I Myself will tend My sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. <sup>16</sup> I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

**What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!  
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander.  
The Master pays the price His servants owe Him,  
Who would not know Him. (CW 117)**

**Easter.....Romans 4:18-25**

<sup>18</sup> Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>19</sup> Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. <sup>20</sup> Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised. <sup>22</sup> This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. (NIV 2011)

Soloist sings: The God of Abr’ham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love.  
Jehovah, great I Am! By earth and heav’n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred Name forever blest.

**Congregation sings: God by Himself has sworn; I on His oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to Heav'n ascend.  
I shall behold His face; I shall His pow'r adore,  
And sing the wonders of His grace forevermore.**

**There dwells the Lord our king, the Lord our righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace  
On Zion's sacred height, His kingdom He maintains,  
And glorious with the saints in light forever reigns. (LSB 798)**

**Pentecost.....Ephesians 1:18-23**

*<sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, <sup>19</sup> and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way. (NIV 2011)*

**Come gracious Spirit, heav'nly dove, with light and comfort from above,  
Lead us to Christ, the living way, nor let us from His pastures stray.**

**Come, Holy Ghost, with heav'nly fire; the Church's ministry inspire.  
Grant pastors grace Your flock to guide; blest Spirit, in their hearts abide! (CW 597)**

The Sermon

Offering

Offering Prayer

Prayer of the Church

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Having heard the Word of God, in preparation to receive Christ's body and blood, let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

*(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination.)*

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins in thought, word, and deed with which I have offended You. Although I justly deserve Your punishment in time and eternity, I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them. In Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter**

**sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, forgive me all my sins, and direct me to walk in Your loving ways.**

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

**People: Yes.**

Pastor: Let it be done for you as you believe. 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.**

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Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)

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

Proper Preface

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in the fullness of time became one of us to die for us and, when it was His time, gave Himself into death so that we might have eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (tune 441)



1 Sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, the God by all a - dored."  
2 "Ho - san - na in the high - est" sing and bless the com - ing One.



The heav'ns a - bove and earth be - low His glo - ry ev - er tell.  
Our Lord is here and with Him we shall now and ev - er dwell.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**People: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9–13)

Pastor: Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Words of Our Lord (Spoken by the Pastor) (Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25)

Proclamation of Christ

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** (Revelation 22:20)

**AGNUS DEI** (tune 441)



1 O ho - ly spot - less Lamb of God, our sins You take a - way.  
2 O ho - ly, spot - less Lamb of God, our sins You take a - way.



Have mer - cy, Lord, Your mer - cy show, and hear us as we pray.  
Have mer - cy, Lord, and send us peace as we live out this day.

Our Communion Practice

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

Post Communion Collect

Pastor: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have again refreshed us with the body and blood of Your only-begotten Son. As we rejoice in the truth that our Shepherd King reigns, strengthen us in faith and love. Then keep us in Your loving care and protection through all our days until temporal time becomes eternal and faith turns to sight; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

A Benediction

“Come, you blessed of My Father,” says the King on judgment throne,  
Where all tribes on earth must gather,  
where the Shepherd’s sheep are known.  
“Hungry, I besought provision; parched, I sought my thirst to ease;  
Naked, lonely, sick, in prison, numbered with the least of these.” (CW 169)

Pastor: Grace to you, and peace, from the One who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness.

**People: Jesus Christ was the first to conquer death, and He is the ruler of all earthly kings. He loves us and sets us free from our sins by His blood.**

Pastor: To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

When the Son of Man in glory, whom the angel hosts surround,  
Comes again to tell this story, may we with His sheep be found.  
“Whensoe’er You cared for others, howsue’er You came to see  
These, My sisters and My brothers, You have done it unto Me!”  
(tune CW 411)

Announcements

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week
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*Cleaning this Week: Sarvady*

**Today— Communion Service at 9:30 AM**

Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM

NO Confirmation Class (Thanksgiving Day weekend)

**Tuesday—Tone Chimes 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

**Advent Fest Supper at 5:30 PM**

**Advent Festival Worship Service at 7:00 PM**

NO Confirmation Class

Adult Bible class is covering a video series entitled “Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture.” Today we will cover lesson twelve entitled “My Bible: The Bible Into People’s Hands.” Bible class meets in the café at 10:45 AM. Next Sunday we will start a study of Islam.

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 everyone who helped make Thanksgiving with the Sailors a memorable event!

Advent Fest will be held next Sunday, December 3rd. The evening begins with a pot luck meal at 5:30 PM. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the lower level. Then, after the meal, everyone works on an advent craft. An Advent Service of Nine Lessons and Carols follows at 7:00 PM. Please mark your calendar so that you can attend this wonderful evening which highlights the importance of the season.

The Branch Connection is having their annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

#### Upper Parking Lot Replacement

One of the facets of responsible Stewardship is the careful care of the gifts which God has provided us. As has been noted, the upper parking lot is nearing the end of its useful service life, and it is no longer cost-effective to continue patching it every year. The congregation approved the repaving project at the July 2017 Voter’s meeting, and the Church Council has set a target of September 2018 to raise the necessary funds. Estimates we have received range from \$35-40,000 to grind off the top layer and resurface to over \$60,000 to tear it down to the gravel and completely rebuild.

The cost of this project is outside of our operating budget. The Council approved a motion to establish a separate “Parking Lot Fund” for donations to the project. Envelopes for this will be included in next year’s offering packet, but there’s no need to wait for these. Simply mark your check or envelope “Parking Lot” so our Treasurer can deposit it to the correct account. Gifts to replace the parking lot will need to be “above and beyond” normal gifts given to Christ.

This is, understandably, a huge undertaking. God has richly blessed similar efforts in the past, notably with our Debt Reduction and Building Fund campaigns, and we pray He will bless us as we embark on this one.”

--John Lester, Stewardship

