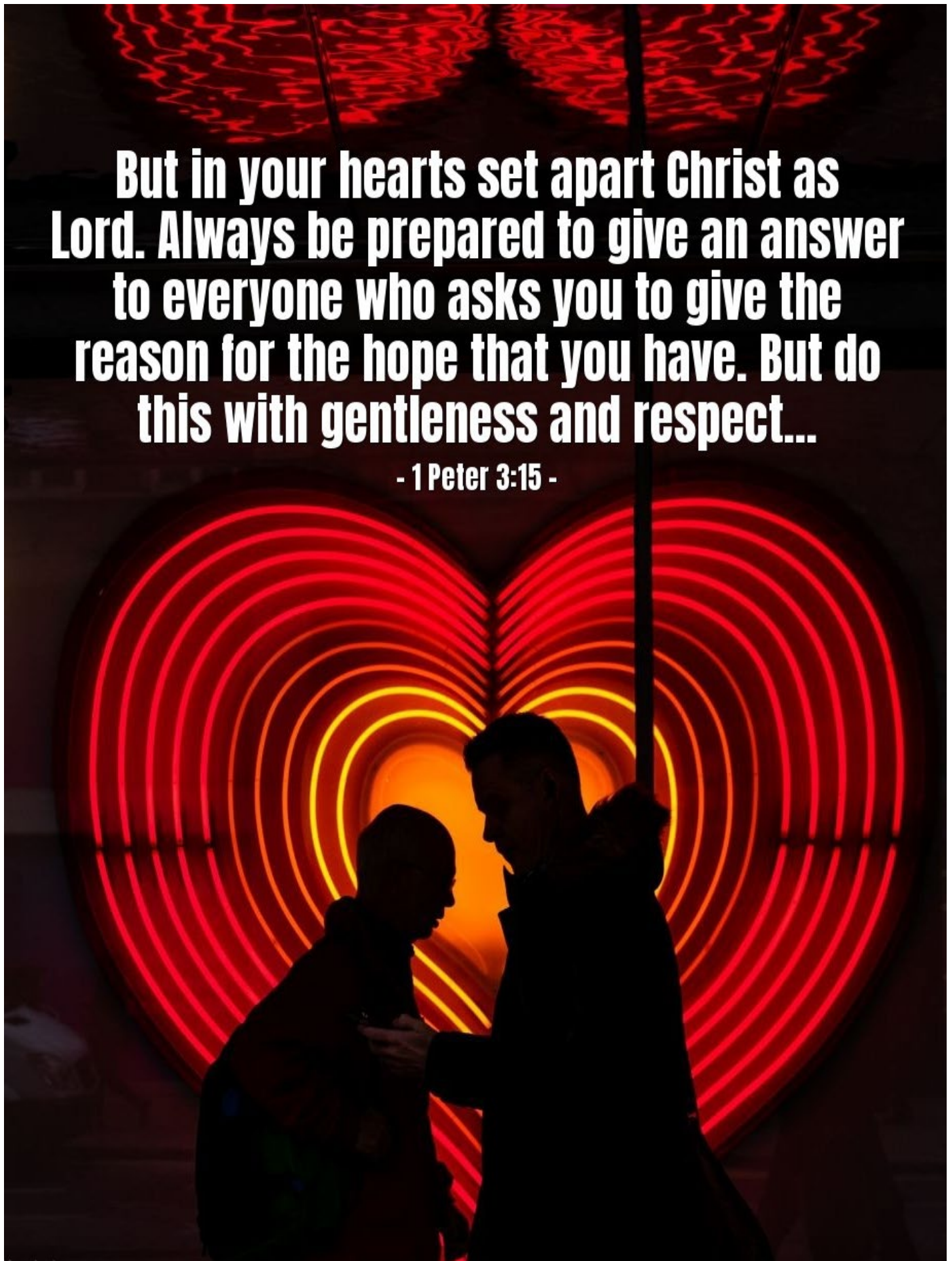


But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...

- 1 Peter 3:15 -



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Confirmation Sunday June 1, 2025

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 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. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

Before Service Prayer: Lord Jesus, when You were age twelve, you benefitted from the teachings of a rabbi in Nazareth and underwent confirmation call Bar Mitzvah. After that rite of passage, You were regarded as an adult member of the religious community and traveled with Mary and Joseph to Jerusalem for the Passover. Bless our confirmand Jessa O'Mara, who today is confirmed in the faith. Grant that this day she may regard her confirmation as part of a lifelong journey of growing in Your grace and the knowledge of salvation. Let Jessa three always rejoice in the grown-up privileges that will be hers as an adult, confirmed member of this congregation. Amen.

Today's Service: "Service of the Word" NPH reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-800156 and under CCLI license #1132777.

Today's Theme: **ALWAYS BE READY**

The official motto of the United States Coast Guard is the Latin phrase, **SEMPER PERATUS**, which means, "Always be Ready." That motto makes sense for the Coast Guard since the Coast Guard needs to always be ready to act in a moment's notice to rescue those who send out a mayday, ready to rescue those at sea. The Coast Guard needs to be always ready to defend the coasts of our nation, bordered on both the east and west by water.

Today, Peter reminds all Christians that we need to always be ready, not to jump in a boat and rescue someone facing danger in the water, but always ready to give an answer to those who ask us about the hope we have as believers in Christ. If a student in the classroom is ready to give an answer to the teacher's question, the student must know his / her stuff. Though we may feel inadequate, though we may feel unworthy because we know our own sin, Christ has assigned to all of His people the job of speaking for Him so that others may know about the sure and certain hope we have of forgiveness, new life and salvation.

Pastor's Welcome

Our Confirmand: Jessa O'Mara

Opening Hymn: CW 715 "Let Me Be Yours Forever" (CW93 596)

Invocation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Confession of Sins

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

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.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord. (CWS 724)

**Voices raised to You we offer; Tune them, God, for songs of praise.
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute For Your gifts through all our days.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!**

**All creation joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your works display.
Art and music, gifts You lend us, We return to You today.
Alleluia! Alleluia! God, Creator, source of life!**

**Christ, the song of love incarnate, Touching earth with heaven's grace.
For Your living, suff'ring, dying, For Your rising, hear our praise!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!**

**Spirit, flaming through creation, Kindle faith within each heart.
Lift our voices high in chorus; Through our hands Your love impart.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Spirit, Helper, breath of life!**

**How can any praise we offer Measure all the thanks we owe!
Take our hearts and hands and voices—Gifts of love we can bestow.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!**

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

Heavenly Father, Your Son took on flesh and came into this world as a child and while here, welcomed children and praised their faith; grant that our confirmand, by her knowledge of Your saving word and her confidence in salvation, may always conduct herself beyond her years, displaying boldness and courage as she lives for You. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

The First Lesson: **Exodus 3:7-10, 4:10-12** Moses, the man who murdered an Egyptian taskmaster, was chosen by God nonetheless, to speak to the Israelites who were slaves in Egypt and to bring them out of slavery into the Promised Land.

⁷ 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. ⁸ 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—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached Me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring My people the Israelites out of Egypt."

¹⁰ Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon Your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since You have spoken to Your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? ¹² Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." (NIV 2011)

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm of the Day: 51b A Psalm of David, written after Nathan the prophet confronted David when David committed adultery with Bathsheba and was responsible for the death of her husband. Despite his sin, David speaks about “teaching transgressors God’s ways.”



O Lord, open my lips,*
and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;*
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure heart, O God,*
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence*
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,*
and sinners will turn back to you.

**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 Second Lesson: **Acts 4:8-12, 18-20** Peter and the other apostles are hauled before the Sanhedrin and are accused of doing wrong for healing a lame man and preaching about Jesus. Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit as Jesus promised, gives a bold answer to those responsible for the death of Jesus.

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is

"the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone."

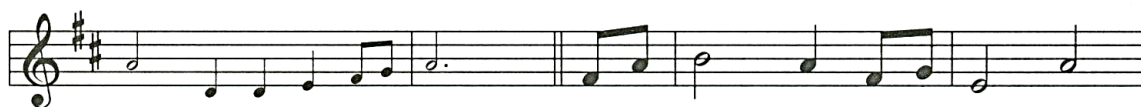
¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

¹⁸ Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to Him? You be the judges! ²⁰ As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." (NIV 2011)

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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



C Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 10:16-20, 26-33** As Jesus sends out His disciples on a shore missionary journey, He reminds them how important it is to be ready to speak, but also adds the truth that the Holy Spirit will help them as they given an answer to those who don't want to hear what they have to say.

P: The gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

C: **Glory be to You, O Lord.**

¹⁶ "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. ¹⁸ On My account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

²⁶ "So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

³² "Whoever acknowledges Me before others, I will also acknowledge before My Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns Me before others, I will disown before My Father in heaven. (NIV 2011)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day: **CW 901** "O Christians, Haste" (CW93 570)

The Sermon Text: **1 Peter 3:15** But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

Hymn Version of the Apostle's Creed

**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.**

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**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! (CW 270)**

The 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.



The Prayer of the Church

Responsive Prayer

P: Gracious Father, You have adopted Jessa through baptism and anointed her with Your Holy Spirit. Renew and strengthen her by that same Spirit so that she may continue to grow in faith and boldly confess You before others. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Move Jessa to faithfully hear Your holy word and joyfully receive Your sacrament that she may again and again be assured of Your gracious love and forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Give Jessa the sincere desire to die each day to sin and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Lord in Your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Clothe Jessa with kindness, humility and patience of Christ and grant that she may live at peace with all the members of Christ's body. Lord in Your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Protect her from the powers of evil and give them the weapons to fight against the devil. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Keep her faithful, so that she may inherit eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we join in praying...

C: 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 Rite of Confirmation

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us strong in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us Your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
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

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

**May God the Father of our Lord, Who called you by His holy Word,
Perfect, establish, settle you, Keep you through faith forever true.**

**In Jesus Christ may you be blessed And brought to His eternal rest.
The work He has in you begun, He will perform till all is done.**

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The Holy Spirit give you pow'r, The strength of prayer in ev'ry hour,
The wisdom, knowledge, fear of God, That lifts above His chast'ning rod.

May God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Preserve you blameless till in grace You stand before His holy face.

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week
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Cleaning this Week: Dall

Today—Confirmation Sunday Service at 9:30 AM

Confirmation reception in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM

Tuesday—Branch Connection Lady's Night Out at Bobbers in Lake Zurich at 6:00 PM

Friday—D-Day

No Men's Bible Class

Sunday—The Day of Pentecost Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP SHEET

A new sign-up sheet has been posted to provide something to eat and drink after the Sunday service. The sheet covers June 2025 through September 2025.

LADY'S NIGHT OUT

The Branch Connection is planning a lady's night out for this Tuesday, June 3 at 6:00 PM at Bobbers in Lake Zurich for trivia night. Please see the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of Sunday, May 25th we have received \$212,409 in offerings for the current fiscal year. This places us \$2,866 behind the budget, which is \$531 worse than the previous week. Total gifts to date are \$14,021 for the sign fund.

ARE YOU SOCIAL?

New Life's Outreach Committee is looking for help with social media outreach. If you can fit an hour or so per week into your schedule to help manage the New Life & Tree of Life Facebook, Insta and YouTube accounts, please see John Lester or email onezero@aol.com. (Just don't message @jtlester because he won't see it – he's not social).

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The Branch Connection will serve a breakfast in honor of Father's Day, starting at 8:30 AM on Sunday, June 15.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Next Sunday is the third high festival of the Christian Church year, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.



Vacation Bible School

New Life Lutheran Church

910 S. Old Rand Road, Lake Zurich

July 21-25, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Register online at newlife-wels.org

Or call 847-438-5018

