



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 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.

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Theme for Today's Service: **WE HAVE A MEANINGFUL MESSAGE TO SHARE**

A platitude is a statement aimed at helping soothe some sort of emotional unease. "*What doesn't kill you makes you stronger.*" Or "*Life is a mystery.*" Or "*Good things come to those who wait.*" While platitudes may be well-intentioned, at best they come off as trite. And since platitudes provide no real help, they can actually make a situation worse. Tell the one whose heart is shattering, "*Life is a mystery.*" They won't appreciate your platitude or you.

The resurrection gives believers the ability to offer more than platitudes. We have a meaningful message to share—of repentance, of forgiveness, of peace, of power. The reality is we have something important to say to every single person that God brings into our sphere of influence. And our risen Savior gives us the courage and power to share that meaningful message.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: **CW 448** "Now Let the Heavens be Joyful"

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Sentences Psalm 118:24; Romans 6:9; adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8

P: This is the day that the LORD has made;

C: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C: **death no longer has dominion over Him.**

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

P: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C: **He has put all things under His feet.**

Confession of Sin and Kyrie

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: **I confess that I have sinned against You this day and every day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace. 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.

Absolution

P: 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 Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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!

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)**

For 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!

Prayer of the Day

P & C: Living Lord, You have commanded us to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations. To fulfill this command, we ask You to clothe us with the power from on high, Your Holy Spirit, that we may carry the amazing message of Your resurrection to the ends of the earth; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Epistle Lesson: **1 John 1:5–2:2** – St. John summarizes the meaningful message we have heard and been called to declare: God is light.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word is not in us.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (NIV 2011)

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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)**
The word of God became flesh and lived with us. All who believe are children of God. **(Refrain)**

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:36-49 – The risen Savior gives us peace. He also gives us a mission. We are to share the message of repentance and forgiveness.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at My hands and My feet. It is I Myself! Touch Me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, He asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and He took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what My Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." (NIV 2011)

After the minister concludes the reading of the Gospel, he says:

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

Sit

Hymn of the Day: CW 459 "Christ the Lord is Risen Again" (CW93 155)

The Sermon

Article III of the Augsburg Confession—Of the Son of God

Our Churches also teach that the Word, that is, the Son of God, took upon Himself human nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary. Therefore, He has two natures, the one divine and the other human. They are united in one person and cannot be separated. Thus, there is only one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the Virgin Mary. He truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried. He went through all this so that He could restore us to peace with the Father and be a sacrifice, not just for original sin, but also for all other sins.

The Word (Christ) also went down into hell, and truly rose again the third day. Afterward He went up into heaven so that He might sit on the right hand of the Father. There He rules forever and has power over all creatures, making holy all those that believe in Him. He does this by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts to rule, comfort, and make them alive, as well as defending them against the devil and the power of sin.

This same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead. Amen.

(Translation by Glen L. Thompson, NPH)

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

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.

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, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for, like as a Father, You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son for our salvation. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your blessings with true thanksgiving. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
repeat as needed
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

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 churches partake of the sacrament. We ask our visitors to please respect our communion practice.

The Distribution Hymn: CW 440 “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” (CWS 720)

Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
C: **And His mercy endures forever.**

P: Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us so that we may continue to proclaim Your love to all the world and keep us to Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son 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 713** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” (CWS 771)

<h2>Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week</h2>

Cleaning this Week: Daugherty and Dundore

Today—Third Sunday of Easter Communion service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Sunday School at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Wednesday—Tone Chime Choi rehearsal at 7:00 PM

Friday—Men’s Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Sunday—Fourth Sunday of Easter worship service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP SHEET

A new sign-up sheet has been posted for providing something to eat and drink after the Sunday service. The sheet covers April 2024 through July 2024.

OUTDOOR CLEAN-UP DAY

Thank you to everyone who helped with the outdoor clean-up day yesterday.

SPRING BANQUET

The Branch connection will hold its annual spring banquet on Sunday, April 21st for all the ladies and girls of the congregation. We will have a luncheon at noon at church and then create greeting cards (supplies provided). Please bring a salad or dessert to share and invite a friend. See the sign-up sheet posted in the fellowship hall.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Branch Connection will have a rummage sale on June 15. Please start setting aside the items you’d like to donate.

