

# **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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## **Seventh Sunday of Easter (Memorial Day Weekend) May 28, 2017**

*A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entryway 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 entryway. 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 that is wired directly to the fire department.*

**Before Service Prayer:** Lord God, hear me as I speak to You about those near and dear:

For all who travel: keep them safe. For all who are sick: heal them and make them strong. For all who are in pain: allow them to have relief. For all who are discouraged: let someone bring them cheer. For all who mourn losses: grant them understanding and recovery. For all who feel their hopes have been dashed through death: be the strong arm they need through Christ, who suffered death and rose again. Dear Lord, let them know that nothing can separate them from Your love in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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**Today's Theme:** Live in eager expectation of glory! That glory is not dimmed by earthly suffering; rather, such suffering reminds us of the glory that awaits us. First the cross; then the crown. Our light and momentary troubles cannot mute the joy of living in eager expectation of glory. The week that falls between Ascension and Pentecost is one of waiting and expectation for the promised Spirit and the promised glory. The Prayer and Verse of the Day mark the impending nature of our departure and Christ's return.

**Pastor's Welcome**

**Opening Hymn:** CW 352 "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"

**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 and Absolution

P: God invites us to come into His presence and worship Him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask Him to forgive us.

**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.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.**

The Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all Your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from Your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



P: For the well-being of Your holy church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by Your power and keep us in Your tender care:



P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; His name is worthy of praise!

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;  
you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 7/8 time signature. It consists of 12 staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the second, third, and fourth staves. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

*Prayer of the Day*

P: Almighty God, Your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at Your right hand. Through Your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know Him and faith to follow where He has gone; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*The First Lesson: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-18* (Who thinks that their troubles are light or momentary? When we lose a loved one, when we face mortal illness or financial ruin—who could ever think those troubles insignificant or passing? Only people who have a perspective that stretches to the unbounded time of eternity and encompasses the unbounded joy that we eagerly expect there. We believe that one day Christ will present us to the Father for an eternity of glory. Therefore...therefore we fix our eyes not on all our problems that we know so well, but on the unseen glory, the eternal glory that we do not yet know, but eagerly expect.)

<sup>13</sup> It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak,<sup>14</sup> because we know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to Himself.<sup>15</sup> All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (NIV 2011)

*Verse of the Day:* Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia. (John 14:23)

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

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

*Stand*

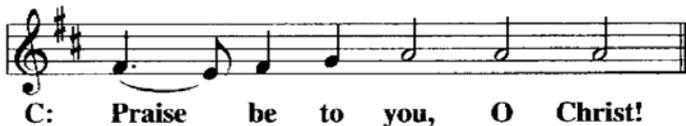
**Gospel Lesson: JOHN 17:1-11A** (*Can you hear the certainty in Christ's voice? Can you feel the authority resonate from His words? Stop for a moment and marvel at the words Christ speaks even as His enemies prepare to arrest Him, to torture Him, to kill Him. Christ enters His passion as victor. We know the end of the story; we know this is Christ's path to glory. But what would the disciples think in the next few hours as the blows landed, the whip bit, the nails pierced, and the blood flowed? This is glory? Just wait...these sufferings would not last. Just wait...glory is coming. Look at Jesus' promise: He has been granted all authority—but He uses it to give, not to take. He gives us life eternal won by the glory of His completed work. On this post-ascension Sunday, Christ's promise to return to His Father has proven true. What comfort, then, is His promised prayer for us who remain behind! We are in the world, but not as orphans, and so we bear our sufferings in eager expectation of the glory that's coming.*)

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus said this, He looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You. <sup>2</sup> For You granted Him authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those You have given Him. <sup>3</sup> Now this is eternal life: that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have brought You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify Me in Your presence with the glory I had with You before the world began.

<sup>6</sup> “I have revealed You to those whom You gave Me out of the world. They were Yours; You gave them to Me and they have obeyed Your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything You have given Me comes from You. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words You gave Me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from You, and they believed that You sent Me. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those You have given Me, for they are Yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is Yours, and all You have is Mine. And glory has come to Me through them. <sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to You. (NIV 2011)

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*Be seated*

**Hymn of the Day: CW 359 “Jesus, My Great High Priest”**

**The Sermon**

*Stand*

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.**

*Be Seated*

The Offering

*Stand*

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.**

The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.



**C: And al - so with you.**

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: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under His feet for the benefit of the church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

Words of Institution (spoken by the Pastor)

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



O Christ, Lamb of God

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

A musical score for the hymn "O Christ, Lamb of God" in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The score consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the staves: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men."

*Be seated*

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 156 “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

Thank the Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: We give You thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that You give us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. We pray that through this precious gift of Yourself You would feed our faith, nourish our hope, and strengthen our love that we may live as Your people now and as Your guests forever at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

The Closing Hymn: CW 218 "Then the Glory"

Announcements

## Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

*Cleaning this Week: Bauer / James*

**Today**— Communion Service at 9:30 AM  
Examination of the Confirmands at 10:45 AM in the New Life Café  
Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup at 11:00 AM

**Monday**—**Memorial Day**

**Tuesday**—Last Day of 3-year-old Preschool

**Wednesday**—Last Day of 4-year-old Preschool

**Next Sunday**—**The Day of Pentecost** (*the third high festival in the Christian Church year*)  
Worship Service at 9:30 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.

New Life will be hosting a screening of "A Return to Grace," a movie about the Lutheran Reformation on Thursday, June 22 at Century 16 Theatre in Deer Park. The movie will start at 7:00 PM. There is no cost for the movie. Sign up for a ticket on the sign-up sheet in the lower level. Please consider inviting a friend to join you for the movie. Hosting of the screening is being shared between New Life, Christ the King in Palatine and Lord and Savior in Crystal Lake. New Life has committed to 30 people from our congregation attending the screening.

The preschool currently has 21 children enrolled for the 2017-18 school year, seven three-year-old and fourteen four-year-old children. The goal for enrollment is 40, twenty in each session.

There are three confirmands this year: Sarah Lester, Christine Massa, and Seann O'Mara. The Examination of New Life's 3 confirmands will take place after the service TODAY in the New Life Café. Confirmation will take place during the service on June 11th.

Volunteers are needed to cut the grass at church each week on the riding lawn mower. Please sign up on the sheet in the lower level if you are able to be included in the summer rotation. Training on how to use the riding mower will be provided.

**Our Faithfulness to God's Word**  
**Last Sunday—68**

