

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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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: Jesus, long ago Your Father declared about You, "It is too small a thing that You be the Savior only for the people of Israel; I will make You a light for the gentiles as well." Today, as we gather to worship You and give You thanks for being OUR Savior, help us to realize that it is too small a thing for You that only we hear and rejoice in the good news of salvation, that You also intend that news to be proclaimed to others so that others may rejoice in Your goodness to the nations. It is too small a thing that I have this news. Having it, I will today rejoice in it, and myself, under Your grace and favor, be a light to others so that they too may come to know the Light of the Gentiles. Amen.

Today's Service: Morning Praise, NPH; used with permission under the OneLicense.net copyright agreement #A-800156 and under CCLI license #1132777. The service is a revision of the historic Order of Matins. Matins (comes from the Latin matutinus meaning "of the morning") was the monastic service marking the beginning of the new day. In Morning Praise we sing back to God the message He has given us in His word.

Today's Theme: Jesus appears as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. This Lamb would take away the sins of the world and bring both Israel and the Gentile nations into the kingdom of God. The hearts that see this Savior in faith cannot help but take news of this salvation to the ends of the earth.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 78 "O Light of Gentile Nations"

Remain seated

Invocation

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

Congregation: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, mighty Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived up to our calling as Your faithful people. So often we have done the evil You forbid and too many times have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy on us, merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all wrongs that need Your grace, and with the power of the Holy Spirit direct us to serve You faithfully all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: If this is our heartfelt confession, then there is good news for us! The heavenly Father sent us His Son Jesus to atone for our sins. In Him, God's kingdom has already come among us! This does not come to us because we confess it, but because God's grace, God's choice, God's intervention in Jesus saves us from our sins. Do you believe this?

C: I do so believe.

P: Because of Christ's redemptive work, we are a redeemed and forgiven people. Therefore, 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. This very forgiveness is God's good news for us today, for tomorrow, for forever.

C: Amen.

Stand

(We sing words from Psalm 70)

L O Lord, o - pen my lips.

C And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.

L Hasten to save me, O God.

C O Lord, come quickly to help me.

L Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

(We sing words from Psalm 95 in a song called the "Venite")

L Refrain

C Refrain

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Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

②

let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

③

come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

Repeat for use with canon

come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses

L 1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,

cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,

to Refrain

you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

The First Lesson: ISAIAH 49:1-6 (In this second of Isaiah's "Servant Song," the Lord calls His Servant to gather Israel to Himself. To do this the Servant is given a "mouth like a sharpened sword" and is made into a "polished arrow." But the Servant's work is to be even greater than this: He is to be a light to shine beyond Israel for the blessing of the Gentiles.)

¹ Listen to me, you islands;
hear this, you distant nations:
Before I was born the LORD called Me;
from My mother's womb He has spoken My name.
² He made My mouth like a sharpened sword,
in the shadow of His hand He hid Me;
He made Me into a polished arrow
and concealed Me in His quiver.
³ He said to Me, "You are My servant,
Israel, in whom I will display My splendor."
⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent My strength for nothing at all.
Yet what is due Me is in the LORD's hand,
and My reward is with My God."
⁵ And now the LORD says—
He who formed Me in the womb to be His servant
to bring Jacob back to Him
and gather Israel to Himself,
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD
and My God has been My strength—
⁶ He says:
"It is too small a thing for You to be My servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make You a light for the Gentiles,
that My salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." (NIV 2011)

Psalm of the Day: **Psalm 89**

Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone

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I will sing of the Lord's great love for'ever;*
I will make Your faithfulness known through all gener'ations.
I will declare that Your love stands firm for'ever,*
that You established Your faithfulness in heav'en itself.
The heavens praise Your won'ders, O Lord,*
Your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the 'holy ones.

Refrain

O Lord God Almighty, who 'is like You?*

You are mighty, O Lord, and Your faithfulness sur'rounds You.
Blessed are those who have learned to ac'claim You,*
who walk in the light of Your pres'ence, O Lord.
They rejoice in Your name 'all day long;*
they exult in Your 'righteousness.

Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son*
and to the Holy 'Spirit,
as it was in the be'ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

Refrain

The Second Lesson: ACTS 13:38-49 (In Pisidian Antioch, Paul and Barnabas preached the message of salvation both to Jew and non-Jew, with the desire that all hear and believe and be saved.)

³⁸ “Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. ³⁹ Through Him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses. ⁴⁰ Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you:

⁴¹ ““Look, you scoffers,
wonder and perish,
for I am going to do something in your days
that you would never believe,
even if someone told you.””

⁴² As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath. ⁴³ When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.

⁴⁴ On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵ When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him.

⁴⁶ Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For this is what the Lord has commanded us:

““I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.””

⁴⁸ When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

⁴⁹ The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. (NIV 2011)

Verse of the Day: Sung by the preschool and Sunday School kids.

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 1-- Lovely child, holy child, gentle mild, undefiled; Infant King, fairest King, gifts we'll bring and anthems sing:

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 2-- Rest Your head, sweetest head; Gifts we'll spread at Your bed. Jesus Lord, be adored; May this word now be outpoured:

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Stand

The Gospel Lesson: JOHN 1:29-41 *(As the last and greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist rightly summarizes the totality of God's plan of salvation by pointing to Jesus and calling Him the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the WORLD.. Seeing the Lamb of God leads believers like John and Andrew to work to bring His salvation to the ends of the earth.)*

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know Him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that He might be revealed to Israel."

³² Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on Him. ³³ And I myself did not know Him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are You staying?"

³⁹ "Come," He replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where He was staying, and they spent that day with Him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). (NIV 2011)

The Hymn of the Day: CWS 710 "Jesus, Once With Sinners Numbered"

The Sermon

(After the sermon, we stand and sing the "Te Deum," an ancient and majestic canticle of the Christian church, a confession of faith, a mighty hymn of praise to God. Luther loved the Te Deum and referred to it as a fine creed.)

The Te Deum

L Refrain

C Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



L 1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **C** We praise you, we
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! **L** With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **C** We
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! **L** With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
 O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **C** We
 You have ris - en to free us;



praise you, we praise you! **L** With the mar - tyrs and your
 To the Trin - i - ty most
 And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,
 bless - ed, **C** We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*
 glo - ry, *to Refrain*
to Final Refrain

Final Refrain



C You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

The Children's Sermon

The Offering

The Offertory

The Offering Prayer

The Kyrie

L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;
be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The Lord's Prayer

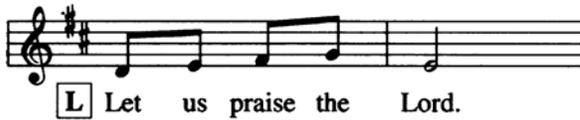
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

The Prayer of the Church

The Prayer for Grace



L O Lord, our heavenly Fa-ther, almighty and everlasting God, you have
brought us safely to this new day. De - fend us with
your might - y power, and grant that this day we neither
fall into sin nor run into an-y kind of danger; and in
all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight,
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **C** A - men.



L Let us praise the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

The Blessing



L The Lord bless and keep you.



C A - men.



L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



C A - men.



L The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn: CW 86 "The Only Son from Heaven"

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Sarvady

Today—Worship Service at 9:30 AM
Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM
Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM
Toby James guitar mini-concert at noon

Monday—*Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no preschool)*

Monday & Tuesday—Pastor's Conference at St. John's in Libertyville

Tuesday—Outreach at 7:00 PM

Wednesday—Men's Bible Class at Noon
Preschool Fair at the Ela Library from 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Next Sunday—Communion Service at 9:30 AM
Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM
Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

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.

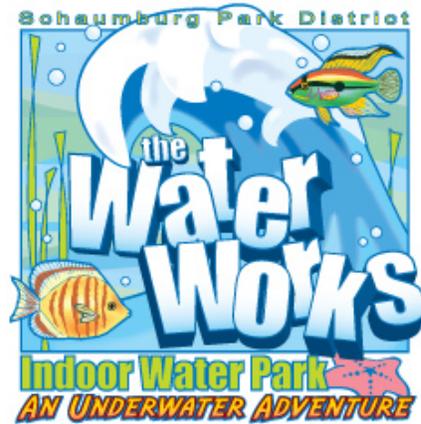
Offering Envelopes for 2017 are located on the table in the entryway and are ready for pick up. Included with the envelopes is an updated Endowment Fund flier.

Thank you to the Sunday School and Preschool children for singing in our service this morning.

Toby James will be auditioning for graduate school at USC the weekend of January 21-22. To prepare for his audition for graduate school, Toby will offer a mini-guitar concert today at noon. If you have time, please stay to enjoy the God-given talent Toby possesses and has honed, and speed him on his way with God's blessing.

New Life will host a booth at the Lake Zurich Chamber of Commerce Community Showcase on Saturday, March 11. The activity at the booth will consist of helping kids plant tree seedlings into pots, as part of our “Tree of Life” Lutheran preschool promotion. A volunteer sign up sheet is located on bulletin board in the lower level.

A swimming outing at the Schaumburg WaterWorks has been scheduled for Sunday, January 29th at Noon for the entire family. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the basement. Lunch will be served that day before heading to the waterpark.



**Our Faithfulness to God's Word
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