

***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 after the Epiphany—  
The Transfiguration of our Lord  
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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 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. And 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.*

***Before Service Prayer:*** We worship You, Jesus, as true God and true man in one person. Though You lived, suffered and died with great humility, may we never forget that You never stopped being true God. Only You could have saved us! We thank You this day for coming down the mountain, leaving behind the brilliant display of Your glory, and resolutely moving forward to Calvary's cross. We eagerly await the day when we will see Your glory with our fellow believers in heaven. Amen.

***Today's Service:*** Service of All Creation, GIA, reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-800156 and under CCLI license #1132777.

Today's Theme: Jesus appears in glory as the Son of God. The Epiphany season is bookended by the voice of God the Father proclaiming Jesus His Son. Before He suffered as man's substitute, Jesus gave His Church a glimpse of the glory that He set aside to be our Savior. See how much He loves us! The God of Mt. Sinai, the Majestic Glory, became a man to suffer and die for us, just as Moses and the Prophets had foretold. It's good that we are here.

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion: p. 156 in the front of the red hymnal

**Opening Hymn**

**CW 95 "How Good Lord to Be Here"**

## **Confession and Absolution**

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

P: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,

**C: and give thanks to His holy name.**

P: To You, O LORD, I cry,

**C: and to the LORD I plead for mercy.**

P: Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!

**C: O LORD, be my helper!** *Psalm 30:4, 8, 10*

P: O God, we come before You in need of healing,

**C: the healing of our bodies, our souls, our lives.**

P: For sin has infected us to the core.

**C: Without You, death is our only prospect.**

P: Touch us with Your healing hand and restore us.

**C: Have mercy on us and give us forgiveness and life.**

(Choir sings through the refrain once; Choir sings the verses and Congregation repeats the refrain as indicated throughout the song.)

Choir: Refrain

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

Verse 1: God of all creation, earth and sea and sky, God of all eternity: hear us, hear us.

**Choir & Congregation: Refrain**

Verse 2: God of ev'ry nation, God of all who live, God of meek and lowly ones: hear us, hear us.

**Choir & Congregation: Refrain**

Verse 3: God of our salvation, God of grace and peace, God of wisdom and of love: hear us, hear us.

**Choir & Congregation: Refrain**

P: Moved with pity, God stretches out His hand and touches you. *Mark 1:41, adapted*  
Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

C: **Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## Glory to God

*(The Choir and Congregation will sing the refrain; the Choir sings the verses. The Congregation can sing the refrain with the Choir as indicated in the song.)*

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth.

- 1) Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship You, we give You thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.

### **Refrain**

- 2) 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**

- 3) 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 the God, the Father. Amen! Amen!

### **Refrain**

## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

- P: Let us pray.  
Lord God, before the suffering and death of Your one and only Son, You revealed His glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear His cross on earth may behold by faith the light of His heavenly glory and so be changed into His likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## **The Word of God**

### **First Lesson**

**2 Peter 1:16–21** (*Peter and the others were eyewitnesses to the transfiguration.*)

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. <sup>17</sup> He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with Him on the sacred mountain. <sup>19</sup> We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. <sup>21</sup> For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (NIV 2011)

**Gospel Acclamation** (*Choir sings the verses; Congregation sings the “Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of truth and life!”*)

*Cantor:*

1, 5. Praise the God of all cre - a - tion, God of  
 2. Tree of life and end-less wis - dom, be our  
 3. Liv - ing wa - ter, we are thirst - ing for the  
 4. Come, O Spir - it, kin - dle fire in the

*All:*

mer - cy and com - pas - sion:  
 root, our growth and glo - ry: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 life that you have prom - ised:  
 hearts of all your peo - ple:

lu - ia! Praise the Word of truth and life!

**Gospel**

**Matthew 17:1–9** (*Jesus is transfigured.*)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> After six days Jesus took with Him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> There He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup> Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

<sup>4</sup> Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If You wish, I will put up three shelters—one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!”

<sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” He said. “Don’t be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.” (NIV 2011)

*(After the Gospel is read.)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

CWS 712 “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

## Sermon

*Stand*

**The Second Article of the Athanasian Creed** *(Confessed in unison)*

**It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.**

**Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man. He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and He is man, born in time from the nature of His mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh, equal to the Father as to His deity, less than the Father as to His humanity; and though He is both God and Man, Christ is not two persons but one, one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God; one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person; for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ. He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. At His coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.**

**This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.**

*Be Seated*

## Offertory

### Gathering of Our Offerings and Offering Prayer

If you are not a member of New Life Lutheran Church, we do not want you to feel obligated to give an offering. (God wants us to be cheerful givers, not guilty givers!) We gather our offerings in church, *because the Bible teaches that giving is an act of worship*. May the Lord bless you. And may He use our gifts to be a blessing to many others.

### Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

**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 Sacrament

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also 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 good and right so to do.**

**P:** It is truly good, right, and salutary 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,  
God of pow - er, God of might, Hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. — Ho - san - na  
in the high - est! — Bles - sed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord; — Ho - san - na in the high - est! —  
— Ho - san - na in the high - est!

*rit.*

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of six staves of music in G minor (one flat) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a 4-measure rest. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow - er, God of might, Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. — Ho - san - na in the high - est! — Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; — Ho - san - na in the high - est! — Ho - san - na in the high - est!'. The final staff includes a 'rit.' (ritardando) marking above the notes.

## Words of Institution

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C: **Amen.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God

(We will sing the first three verses, observing the repeat sign and then we will sing the last line, asking that Jesus would “grant us peace.”)



1. Je-sus, Lamb of
2. Je-sus, Bread of
3. Je-sus, Prince of



God,  
Life, you take a-way the sins of the world: have  
Peace,



mer-cy on us. Je-sus, Lamb of God; you



take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

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## 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.

## Thanksgiving

*Stand*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**C: And His mercy endures forever.**

P: We give thanks, Lord our God, that in this sacrament You have again assured us of the forgiveness of our sins. Grant that the faith in our hearts may be demonstrated in the living out of our days, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### 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.**

### Farewell to Alleluia

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior’s cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, “praise the Lord.”

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter morning as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

**The Closing Hymn “Alleluia, Song of Triumph” (tune WOV 654)**



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while  
 4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
 lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,  
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions  
 Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of  
 All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -  
 Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn  
 With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
 lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.  
 time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.  
 ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

**Announcements**

## Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

*Cleaning this Week: Bauer / James*

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

**Monday**—Men's Bible Class at Noon

**Tuesday**—Tone Chime Choir at 7:00 PM

**Wednesday**—*Ash Wednesday*  
**Supper at 6:15 PM**  
**Mid-week Lenten Service at 7:00 PM**

Friday—Ernie Brungraber's funeral in Sturgeon Bay, WI

**Next Sunday**— Worship Service at 9:30 AM  
Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM  
Wedding Shower at Noon  
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.

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. Tree of Life currently has 5 three-year-old children and 13 four-year-old children registered for next year. A training session for the volunteers will take place after the mid-week Lenten service on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Lent begins Wednesday, March 1. This year's Lenten theme is "Here I Stand—Lent with Luther." Pastor Bauer will once again rotate with area pastors for the mid-week services. A meal will be served prior to each mid-week service. If you'd like to sign up to help with the meals, a sign-up sheet has been posted downstairs.

This Wednesday's meal will serve as a fundraiser for sending kids to Training Camp this summer. **This is the one and only fundraiser for camp.** All donations will be matched dollar for dollar by National Mutual Benefit.

On Wednesday evening before the service a Lenten banner will be displayed in the New Life Café on which members can impose ashes. The banner will then be hung during the service in the front of church.

The Branch Connection will be hosting a wedding shower for Lydia Bauer next Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at noon at church. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the lower lever. Sandwiches, cupcakes and punch will be provided, please bring an appetizer, salad or side to share. All women and girls of New Life are invited to attend!

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Our Faithfulness to God's Word: Last Sunday—93</b></p>
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