



Lazarus, come out!

# 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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## Fifth Sunday in Lent March 26, 2023

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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### Today's Theme: **LIFE FOR THE DEAD**

The author and poet George Eliot once wrote, "Our dead are never dead to us, until we have forgotten them." The Roman philosopher Cicero said much the same. He wrote, "The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living." What second rate comfort! But that is the best the unbelieving world can offer—the sappy sentiment that our dead loved ones somehow "live on" in our memories. It is a sad way to attempt to cope as you walk through the cemetery.

Jesus provides a better solution to death. He promises life. One day Jesus will give your faithful dead back to you—to love and to laugh and to hug and to dance. Body and soul, living and walking in the new heaven and the new earth. How do we know Jesus can and will keep that promise? Because the Son of God descended into the darkness of death Himself and emerged on Easter Sunday as the first fruit of the resurrection of all God's people. In the creed we confess, "I believe in the resurrection of the body." Yet again, Jesus satisfies our greatest needs.

**OPENING HYMN**

**CW 400 "Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing" (CW93 111)**

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 36:5, 7–9*

Pastor: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
People: **Your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Pastor: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!  
People: **The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.**

Pastor: They feast on the abundance of Your house,  
People: **and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

Pastor: For with You is the fountain of life;  
People: **in Your light do we see light.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.  
People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.  
People: **Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins—those of which we are not aware and those we know full well. We do not love You and other people as we ought. We are often careless with Your creation and heedless in choosing the proper priorities of our lives. Yet it is our intent to say and do that which honors You. For the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and may serve You in time and in eternity.**

After each of the prayers are sung by the soloist ending in Kyrie or Christe Eleison. The congregation repeats what has just been sung. Kyrie (or Christe) eleison means, "Lord / Christ 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.  
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le - i - son, Ky - ri - e.

## ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ☩ peace.

**People:** Amen.

*(During the Lenten season, the "Glory to God" is omitted.)*

## SALUTATION

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

**People:** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** Let us pray.  
O Holy Spirit, You are a gift and a blessing. You call us from death and despair to faith and faithfulness and assure of resurrection and life in Christ, who has brought about our atonement. Enlighten our hearts that we may rejoice in the power and blessing of Your presence in and among us. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God, forever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

### ✘ WORD ✘

**OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Kings 4:17-37** – God wants us to know that whoever believes in Him will live, even though he dies. He enables the prophet Elisha to prove that to a grieving mother.

<sup>17</sup> But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her.

<sup>18</sup> The child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. <sup>19</sup> He said to his father, "My head! My head!"

His father told a servant, "Carry him to his mother." <sup>20</sup> After the servant had lifted him up and carried him to his mother, the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died. <sup>21</sup> She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out.

<sup>22</sup> She called her husband and said, "Please send me one of the servants and a donkey so I can go to the man of God quickly and return."

<sup>23</sup> "Why go to him today?" he asked. "It's not the New Moon or the Sabbath."

"That's all right," she said.

<sup>24</sup> She saddled the donkey and said to her servant, "Lead on; don't slow down for me unless I tell you." <sup>25</sup> So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When he saw her in the distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi, "Look! There's the Shunammite! <sup>26</sup> Run to meet her and ask her, 'Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?'"

"Everything is all right," she said.

<sup>27</sup> When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold of his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me why."

<sup>28</sup> "Did I ask you for a son, my lord?" she said. "Didn't I tell you, 'Don't raise my hopes'?"

<sup>29</sup> Elisha said to Gehazi, "Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand and run. Don't greet anyone you meet, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff on the boy's face."

<sup>30</sup> But the child's mother said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So he got up and followed her.

<sup>31</sup> Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the boy's face, but there was no sound or response. So Gehazi went back to meet Elisha and told him, "The boy has not awakened."

<sup>32</sup> When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. <sup>33</sup> He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the LORD. <sup>34</sup> Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy's body grew warm. <sup>35</sup> Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.

<sup>36</sup> Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, "Call the Shunammite." And he did. When she came, he said, "Take your son." <sup>37</sup> She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out. (NIV 2011)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation: I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in Me will live, even though they die.

*Stand*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** John 11:17-27,38-45 – A corpse responds to the empowering command of Christ. This greatest miracle of His ministry proves that Jesus is the Lord of life.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

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

<sup>17</sup> On His arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet Him, but Mary stayed at home.

<sup>21</sup> "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if You had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give You whatever you ask."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

<sup>24</sup> Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

<sup>27</sup> "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

<sup>38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> "Take away the stone," He said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

<sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank You that you have heard Me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that You sent Me."

<sup>43</sup> When He had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

<sup>45</sup> Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in Him. (NIV 2011)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord!

People: Praise be to You, O Christ!

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**HYMNN OF THE DAY** CW 846 "I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name" (CW93 211)

**SERMON**

## **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.**

## **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.



## **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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.** (spoken)

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: 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. And now we bless You that in Jesus Christ, our perfect Substitute, You have shown us Your plan for us to live forever. As Jesus proclaims, "I am the resurrection and the life," we find in Him the fullness of Your forgiving and limitless love. By the working of the Holy Spirit, grant us grace to grow in faith, remaining steadfast in hope as we await the joys of heaven where we will join in the eternal chorus of angels and archangels giving You unending praise.

## 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!

(cont....)

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!

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the'. The second staff contains 'Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,'. The third staff contains 'Ho - san - na in the high - est!' and features a triplet of eighth notes.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** (spoken by the pastor)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
 People: 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first two staves form the first line, and the last two staves form the second line. Each line ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the' followed by 'sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.' on the next line.



## 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.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**      CW 396 “Christ, the Life of All the Living” (CW93 114)

## THANKSGIVING

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

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

**Pastor:**      Heavenly Father, we thank You for the life and knowledge You have revealed to us through Jesus, Your Son. To You be glory forever. By this Sacrament, strengthen and preserve us. Guide, guard, and rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You here on earth, looking to the final day of resurrection and that time after the end of time when we feast with Christ the Lamb of sacrifice in His kingdom. This we ask through Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:**      **Amen.**

## BLESSING

**Pastor:**      Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.

**People:**      **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**      CW 402 “Glory Be to Jesus” (CW93 103)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: James

**Today**—Fifth Sunday in Lent Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Adult Bible Class in the New Life Café and Sunday School at 10:45 AM

No Confirmation Class—Spring Break

**Monday through Friday**—No Preschool, Spring Break

**Wednesday**—Sixth Mid-Week Lenten Service

Supper at 6:15 PM

Evening Service at 7:00 PM

Second Long Range Planning Meeting at 8:00 PM

**Friday**—No Men's Bible Class—Spring Break

**Sunday**—Palm Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:45 AM

No Confirmation Class

### **FELLOWSHIP SIGN UP SHEET**

If you'd like to bring something to eat and drink for after the Sunday service, please indicate that on the fellowship sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. There are many open slots that need to get filled!

### **MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES**

This Wednesday New Life will have its sixth mid-week Lenten service. A meal will be served prior to the service at 6:15 PM. The service will start at 7:00 PM. Rev. Thomas Schultz from Christ the King Lutheran Church in Palatine, IL will serve as the guest pastor.

### **EASTER LILY SIGN-UP SHEET**

An Easter lily sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please indicate how many lilies you would like to purchase on the sheet and make payments in the envelope next to the sheet.

### **EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN-UP SHEET**

Please see the Easter breakfast sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall to sign up to bring something for Easter breakfast.

### **PROCESSION OF PALMS / KIDS SING NEXT SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, on Palm Sunday, the service will begin with the procession of palms. The Sunday School and preschool kids are also scheduled to sing "Exult Today, Jerusalem."

### **EASTER POST CARDS**

Brent Anderson has designed Easter post cards which are contained in your bulletin today. Please use the post card to invite someone to our Holy Week services. If you mail the post card, it will need additional postage (2 stamps).