

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday in Lent

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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. 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: Jesus, in the same way You came to a sinful woman at a well, come to us. You come knowing who we are and what we have done. You know our sinful history as surely as You knew her life's sad story. And still, You come to reveal Yourself as Savior, inviting us to trust in You as the Messiah. You come inviting us to worship God in Spirit and in truth on this the Lord's Day. Grant us Your mercy, that we may do just that, gathered with fellow believers in the place. Amen.

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Today's Theme: "Oh refresh us, Oh refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness" (CW 329 vs. 3). The well-known hymn stanza reminds us that we live amid challenges and dangers each day. As we gather for worship, we come to a place where our gracious God does refresh

us. We are sustained by Word and Sacrament. We are encouraged by the fellowship of the faithful. Our cups run over with living water. We are renewed and satisfied and made ready to journey further in the name of the Lord.

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Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 338 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

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



Confession of Sins

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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.

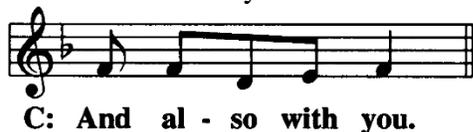


C: A - men.

The Song of Praise is omitted during Lent.

The Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, source of all power and renewer of health and life, draw us ever closer to You, and supply us with the living water that will quench our great thirst for time and for eternity. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who offered Himself as our Savior and our Redeemer.



C: A - men.

The First Lesson: Acts 7:60-8:8,14 (After the stoning of Stephen, Philip, one of the seven deacons, went into Samaria and preached the good news to Samaritans.)

⁶⁰ Then he (Stephen) fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

And Saul approved of their killing him.

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. ² Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. ³ But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

⁴ Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. ⁵ Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. ⁶ When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. ⁷ For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was great joy in that city.

¹⁴ When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. (NIV 2011)

Verse of the Day: Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:8b)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

The Gospel: JOHN 4:5-26 (Jesus meets with the Samaritan woman at the well outside of Sychar.)

⁵ So He came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as He was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give Me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to Him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can You ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water."

¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can You get this living water? ¹² Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵ The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband.¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that You are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹ "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe Me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us."

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am He." (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Creed / Catechism—The First Article of the Apostles' Creed with Luther's Meaning

P: As we reflect on how God intersects with His people and graciously meets their physical and spiritual needs, we speak the First Article of the Apostles' Creed and its meaning, which relate the loving work of God the Father for us.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: What does this mean?

C: I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that He gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.

God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because He is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn of the Day: CWS 749 "The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me"

The Sermon

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

The Offering

The Offering Prayer

The Prayer of the Church

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 Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by His death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:

heav'n 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, bless - ed is he, 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 Words of Institution

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

C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God



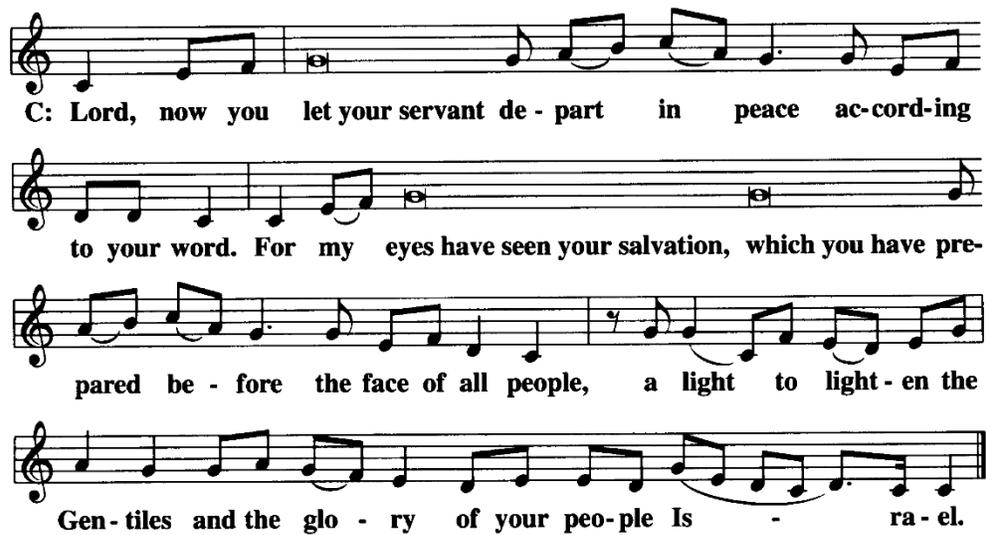
C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - men.

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.

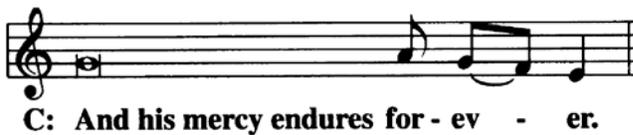
The Distribution Hymn: CW 114 “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

The Song of Simeon



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

P: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in Your loving kindness You sent Your Son to share our humanity. We thank You that through Him You have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that You will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve You day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



The Closing Hymn: CWS 745 “May the Peace of God”

Announcements

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week
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Cleaning this Week: Dressel

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

Wednesday—**Midweek Lenten Service #3**
Supper at 6:15 PM
Service at 7:00 PM
Branch Connection at 8:00 PM

Next Sunday— Worship 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.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to send kids from our church to Training Camp at the Ash Wednesday meal. If you wish, you can place a gift for this purpose in the offering plate. Simply mark it “Camp.”

This Wednesday, Pastor Bob Meiselwitz from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Round Lake will be our guest pastor. The theme for the service is “Lent With Luther—Standing in Truth.” The meal is an opportunity to spend time with fellow members and also an opportunity to spend some time with Rev. Meiselwitz, who like the rest of the pastors in the circuit, has served his church for over 20 years.

Material for celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the start of the Lutheran Reformation can be found on the table next to the Branch Connection’s greeting card display.

The Sunday School and Preschool children will be singing in church next Sunday. Please have your child/ren here at 9:15 AM to warm up.

Thanks to everyone who worked the preschool booth at the LZACC Showcase yesterday.

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