



***When the  
disciples  
James and  
John saw this,  
they said,  
“Lord, do You  
want us to call  
down fire  
from heaven  
to consume  
them?”***

***Luke 9:54***

# **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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## **Third Sunday after Pentecost** **June 29, 2025**

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.

**Before Service Prayer:** Lord Jesus, You desire committed followers. However, down through the centuries, it has sometimes happened that Your followers are very committed, but for the wrong cause. Combined our commitment for You with a knowledge of what You would have us be committed to. Today, as we think about Your committed followers, James and John, and what their commitment for You led them to ask, help us to learn from the rebuke You gave them so we can be committed to You in the right way, a way which pleases You and helps our neighbor. 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: UNDIVIDED ATTENTION -- ON CHRIST'S CALL FOR COMMITMENT**

There is the type of fan who follows his team if they make the playoffs. Then there is the type of fan who, regardless of his team's record, watches every game and knows the stats for every player. There are different types of followers: the half-hearted versus the committed. Jesus is uninterested in followers who pay attention to His Word and will only when their other pursuits provide the time. Jesus wants followers who are all-in . . . who love Him above all things . . . who would be willing to leave everything else behind if that were what it would take to be with Him. We simply do not have it inside us to produce that level of commitment. But in the gospel, we see how Jesus went all in for our salvation. As we witness the way Jesus made our eternal happiness the focus of His undivided attention, the Spirit creates within us the very commitment that Christ seeks.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 735 "Before You I Kneel"

Invocation

*based on 1 John 3:1–2; Romans 6:4–5*

P: In the name of the Father,

**C: who loved us and created our world and us from nothing;**

P: in the name of the ☩ Son,

**C: who loved us, died, and rose again to make us children of God;**

P: in the name of the Holy Spirit,

**C: who in Holy Baptism changes us from dead in sin to alive in Christ. Amen.**

Opening Sentences

*Psalm 8:4–6*

P: What is man that You are mindful of him,

**C: and the son of man that You care for him?**

P: Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

**C: and crowned him with glory and honor.**

P: You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands;

**C: You have put all things under his feet.**

Confession and Absolution

*Ephesians 1:4*

P: Before there was light, God knew each of us by name.

**C: “He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.”**

P: God chose us, and how we are made, to bring honor and glory to Himself.

**C: Everything in this world was made by the finger of God—not us.**

P: Yet we have rebelled against our Creator. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

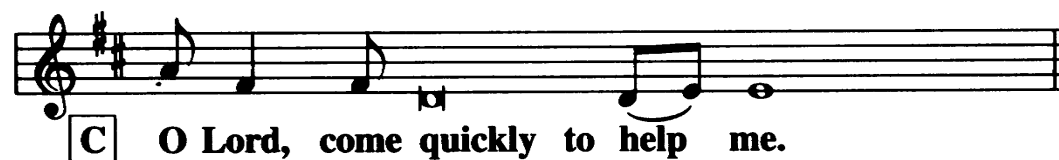
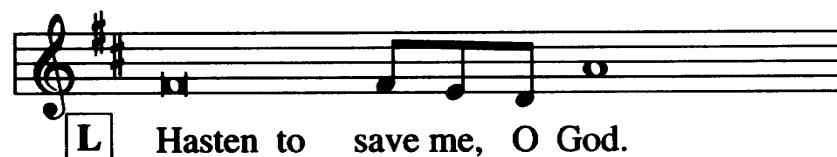
P: For these sins and all sins against You,

**C: we confess our guilt and ask for Your mercy because of what Jesus did for us. We plead for His blood to cover all our sins.**

P: Hear the Good News! Do more than hear it—believe with all your heart that God has forgiven all your sins because of Jesus’ sacrifice for you. Receive that forgiveness in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen! Thank You, Lord, for molding each of us as we are. Use us as a part of Your plan to make Christ known to the world and to our neighbor.**

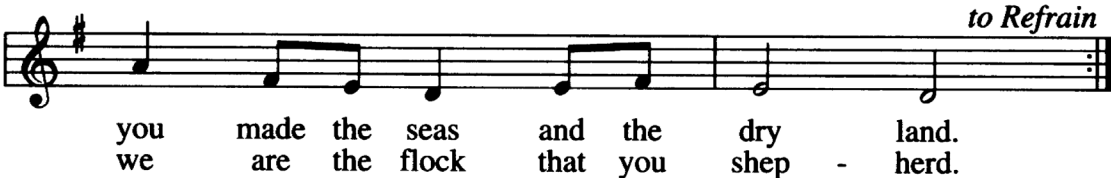
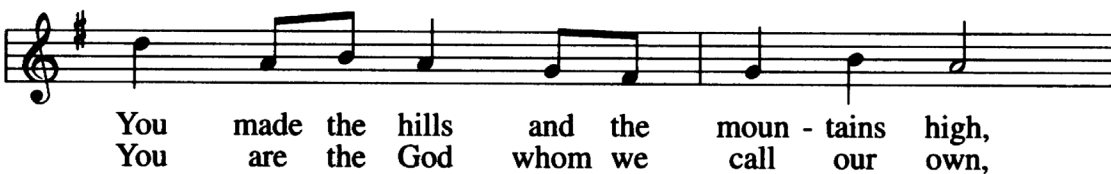
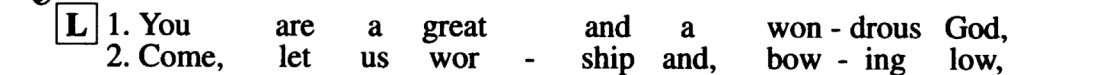
*(We sing words from Psalm 70)*



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

**L** Refrain

**C** Refrain



*The First Lesson:* **1 Kings 19:19-21** – Elisha commits himself completely to the work to which the Lord had called him, leaving family and wealth behind.

<sup>19</sup> So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. <sup>20</sup> Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you."

"Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"

<sup>21</sup> So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant. (NIV 2011)

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**





*Refrain*



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

*Psalm tone*



My soul finds rest in God alone; \*  
my salvation comes from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation; \*  
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; \*  
my hope comes from him.

*Refrain*

Though your riches increase, \*  
do not set your heart on them.

My salvation and my honor depend on God; \*  
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust in him at all times, O people; \*  
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

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

*Refrain*

The Second Lesson    **2 Corinthians 11:21b-30** – Christ had shown grace to Paul. That grace moved Paul to be committed to Christ, no matter the personal cost.

Whatever anyone else dares to boast about—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast about. <sup>22</sup> Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham’s descendants? So am I. <sup>23</sup> Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. <sup>24</sup> Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. <sup>25</sup> Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, <sup>26</sup> I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. <sup>27</sup> I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. <sup>28</sup> Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. <sup>29</sup> Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

<sup>30</sup> If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. (NIV 2011)

P: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. Alleluia! (Mark 8:34)

The Gospel Lesson:    **Luke 9:51-62** – Jesus teaches that following Him means leaving this world behind.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

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

<sup>51</sup> As the time approached for Him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And He sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for Him; <sup>53</sup> but the people there did not welcome Him, because He was heading for Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” <sup>55</sup> But Jesus turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then He and His disciples went to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were walking along the road, a man said to Him, “I will follow You wherever You go.”

<sup>58</sup> Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head.”

<sup>59</sup> He said to another man, “Follow Me.”

But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”



<sup>60</sup> Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

<sup>61</sup> Still another said, "I will follow You, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

<sup>62</sup> Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." (NIV 2011)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Hymn of the Day: CW 695 "Take My Life and Let It Be" (CW93 469)

### Sermon

(After the sermon, we 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.)

**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,



**L** With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim,  
praise you! 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*

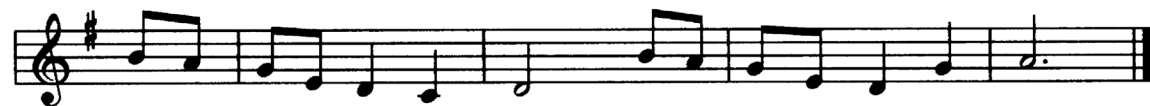
**Final Refrain**



**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 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.



### 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 musical notation for 'The Kyrie' consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.'. The third staff begins with a new section marked 'C' and the lyrics: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have'. The fourth staff continues with the lyrics: 'mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' and ends with a double bar line.

### 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

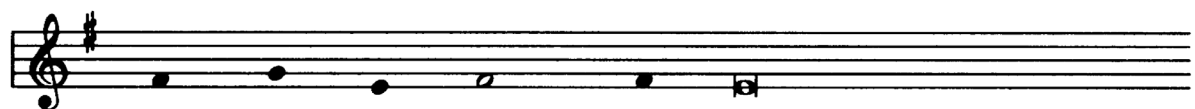
*The Prayer for Grace*



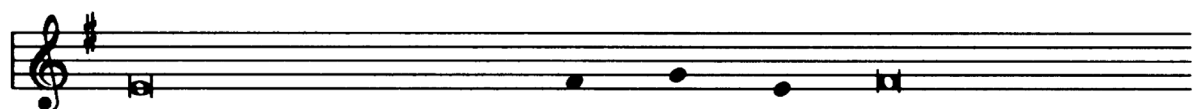
**L** O Lord, our heavenly Fa-ther, almighty and everlasting God, you have



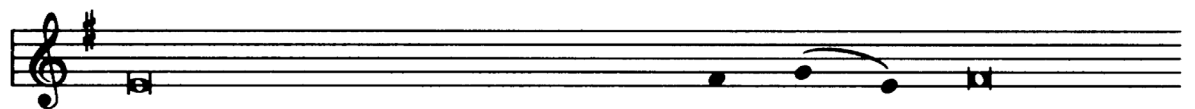
brought us safely to this new day. De - fend us with



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.

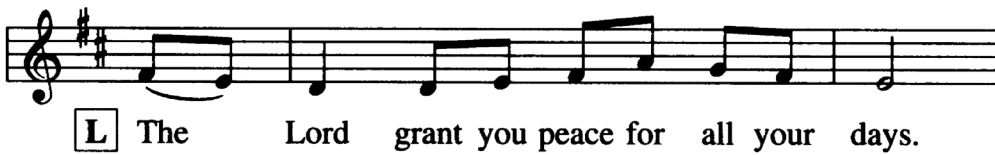


**L** Let us praise the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

The Blessing



Closing Hymn: CW 925 "On What Has Now Been Sown" (CW93 322)

Announcements

## Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

*Cleaning this Week:* James

**Today**—Third Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

**Friday**—Men's Bible Class at 11:30 AM

**Sunday**—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost / Independence Day Weekend Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

### FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP SHEET

A new sign-up sheet has been posted to provide something to eat and drink after the Sunday service. The sheet covers June 2025 through September 2025.

### ARE YOU SOCIAL?

New Life's Outreach Committee is looking for help with social media outreach. If you can fit an hour or so per week into your schedule to help manage the New Life & Tree of Life Facebook, Insta and YouTube accounts, please see John Lester or email [onezero@aol.com](mailto:onezero@aol.com). (Just don't message @jtclester because he won't see it – he's not social).

### TRAINING CAMP CANCELLED

Word has come that Training Camp is cancelled due to low enrollment. Monies given to send our kids to camp will be used to fund our kids who wish to go to other Lutheran camps in the summer of 2026.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of Sunday, June 22nd we have received \$237,297 in offerings for the current fiscal year. This places us \$3,670 ahead of the budget, which is \$2,207 worse than the previous week. Today is the last Sunday in the fiscal year to meet our giving commitment. Total gifts to date are \$14,376 for the sign fund.

### AND THE SURVEY SAYS...

Here are the results from the 23 church and preschool logo surveys that were handed in on Sunday, June 15.

Church Logo (current): 18

New: 5

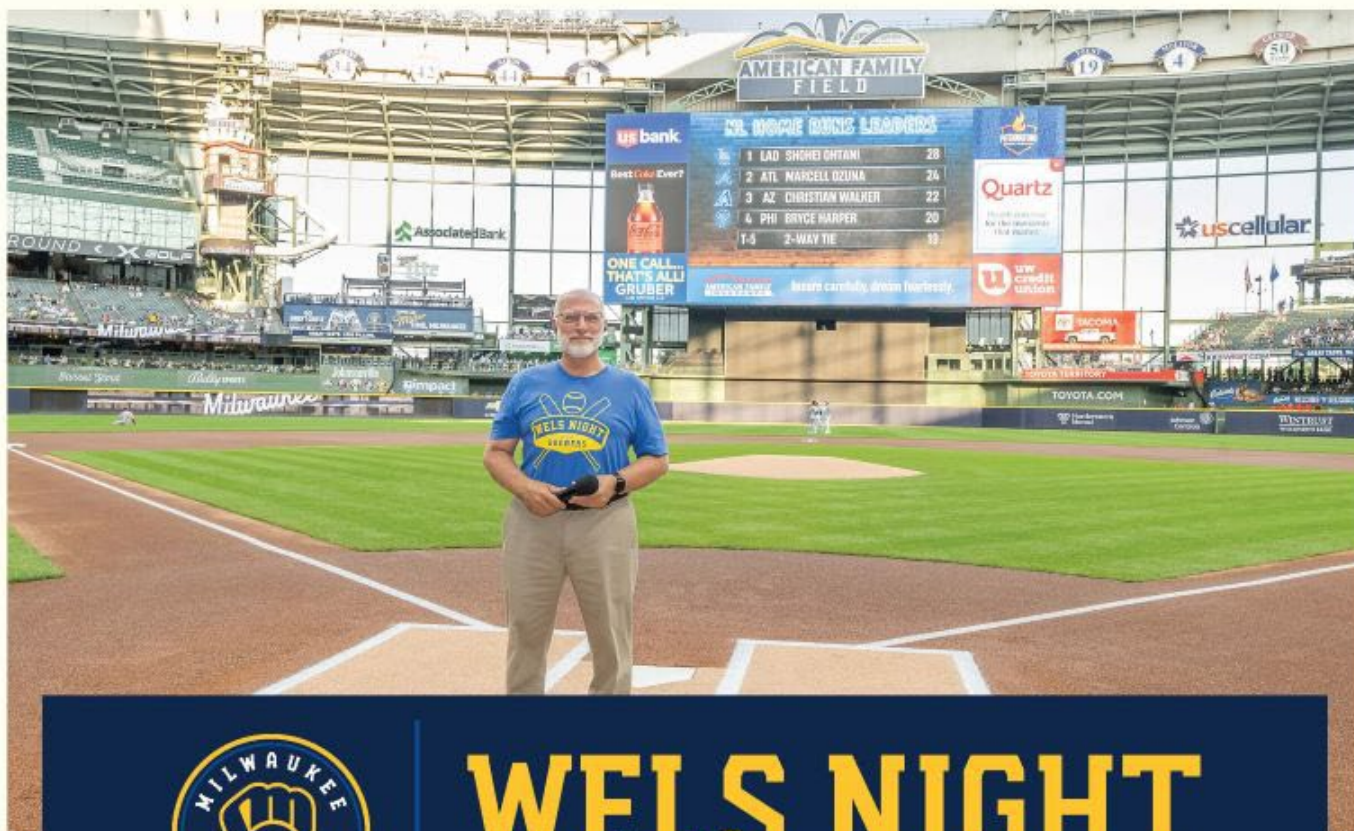
Preschool Logo (current): 19

New: 4

### VBS REGISTRATION

The webmaster John Lester has posted the online registration for VBS. Go to [www.newlife.org/vbs.htm](http://www.newlife.org/vbs.htm) to register. At this point there are 19 kids registered for VBS.





# WELS NIGHT AT THE BREWERS

**FRI, 7/11**  **VS**  **7:10PM**

Back for another year, plan to join thousands of WELS members for an exciting WELS Night at American Family Field!

## TICKET PRICES - Up to 50% Off

FIELD OUTFIELD BOX \$22	LOGE OUTFIELD BOX \$15	TERRACE RESERVED INFIELD \$8
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Individual tickets and parking can be purchased online at [brewers.com/wels](https://brewers.com/wels)

**FOR CHURCH GROUPS OF 15+ IN 2025.** The Brewers have reserved unique access for WELS members to participate in the following game day opportunities on WELS night. To have your congregation members considered, contact Jason Fry to purchase your group tickets.

**First Pitch** - Throw out a pitch from the mound prior to the game (one WELS member).

**Sausage Race Finish Line Holder** - Be on the field for the famous race (two WELS members).

**On Field Batting Practice Viewing** - Watch the Brewers take BP from up close prior to the game (eight WELS members).



For groups of 15+ or any special needs requests, please contact Jason Fry at ☎ 414-902-4502 ✉ [Jason.Fry@Brewers.com](mailto:Jason.Fry@Brewers.com)

Individual tickets and parking can be purchased online at [brewers.com/wels](https://brewers.com/wels)