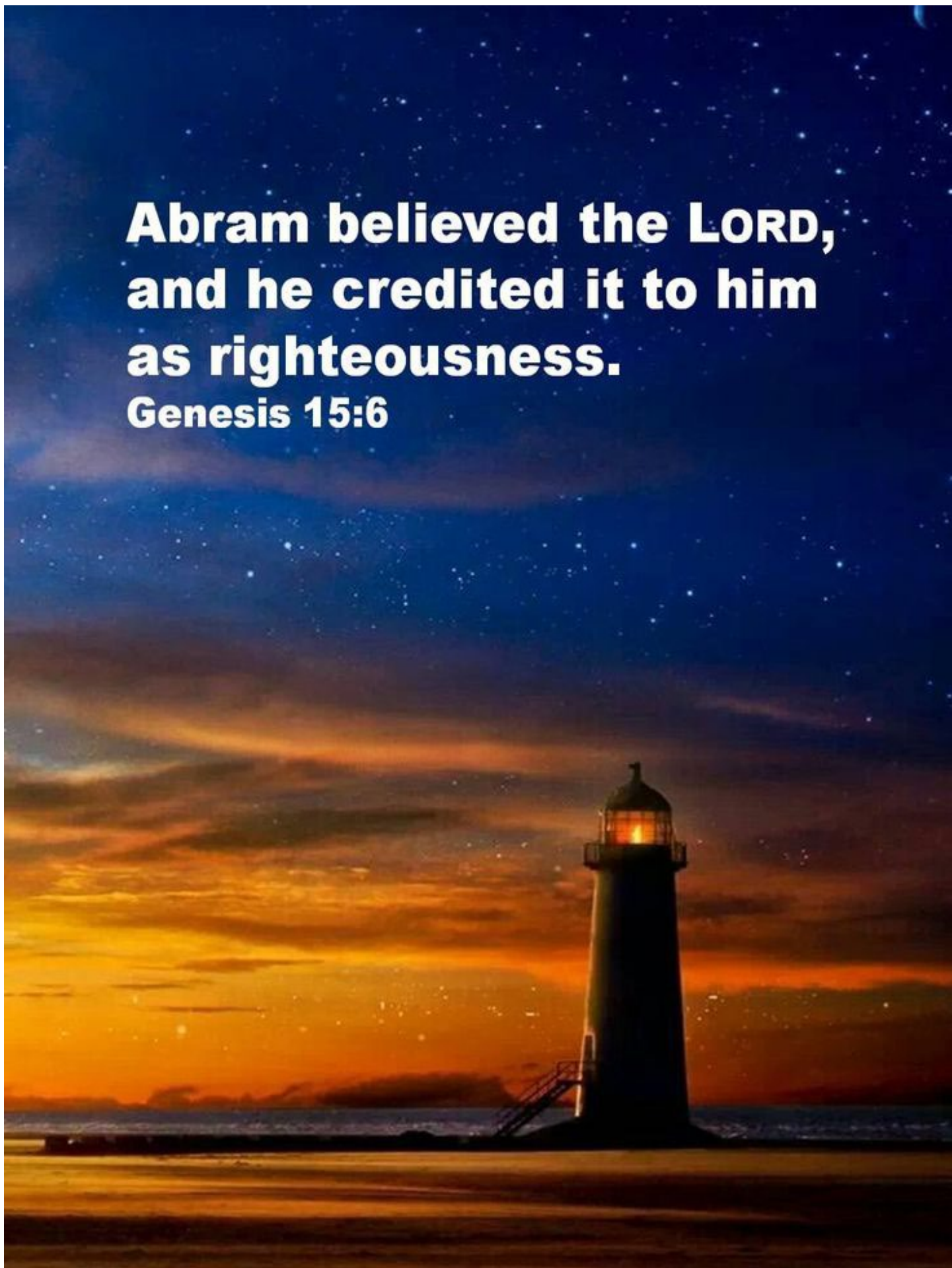


**Abram believed the LORD,
and he credited it to him
as righteousness.
Genesis 15:6**



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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 10, 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 Meditation: Look to the heavens; number the stars. Count all the Father grants to be ours.
God sees His children from His great throne, For He has chosen us as His own.

Where is our treasure? Where is our heart? Rest in the riches God will impart:
Ours is the kingdom, thanks to the King Who left His glory, goodness to bring.

This sure conviction nothing will shake: We are forgiven for Jesus' sake.
Filled with the Spirit, we now believe: What the Lord promised, we will receive.

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Today's Theme: **UNDIVIDED ATTENTION -- ON HEAVENLY TREASURE**

Last week Jesus warned us against overvaluing earthly wealth. This week Jesus warns against undervaluing heavenly treasure. Last week, Jesus exposed the folly of greed. This week, Jesus exposes the folly of worry, even when faced with the prospect of having a seeming shortage of resources. This week might be the bigger challenge! When it seems we lack providence or protection for our daily lives, it can be hard to avoid worry. So, Jesus asks us to give our undivided attention to Him, that He might take our worries away. Jesus points to creatures that do not labor or toil yet eat every day. Even more, Jesus points to our Father who promises to give us the heavenly treasures of His kingdom. Jesus assures us that our Father will throw in any needed earthly possessions as well. We can rest from our worries, confident that our loving Father knows all we need.

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion: Luther's Christian Questions, page 295-296 in the blue hymnal

Opening Hymn CW 800 “How Firm A Foundation” (CWS 768)

Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 34:1–4, 8, 22

P: I will extol the LORD at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.

C: **My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

P: Glorify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

C: **I sought the LORD, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.**

P: Taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

C: **The LORD redeems His servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in Him.**

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have given in to anxiety and have not always put our trust in God and His gracious provision for our lives. We have not always been good stewards of the many gifts that God graciously gives us and have focused on keeping things for ourselves rather than sharing them with others. We have missed opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around us and have not sought out the best for the people of our family circles, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We pray our God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, to lead us into lives of growing faith and increasing charity, and finally to bring us to everlasting life. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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

Soloist: Refrain

Congregation: 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. **Refrain**

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

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

P: God is faithful and keeps His promises of full pardon for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, granting mercy and forgiveness for those who repent and turn to Him. 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.

C: **Amen.**

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

Glory to God *(The congregation sings the refrain and the verses, if you like, joining the soloist.)*



- 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.

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Word of God

First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-6 – In faith, Abram treasured all the LORD's gracious promises.

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,
your very great reward."

² But Abram said, "Sovereign Lord, what can You give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

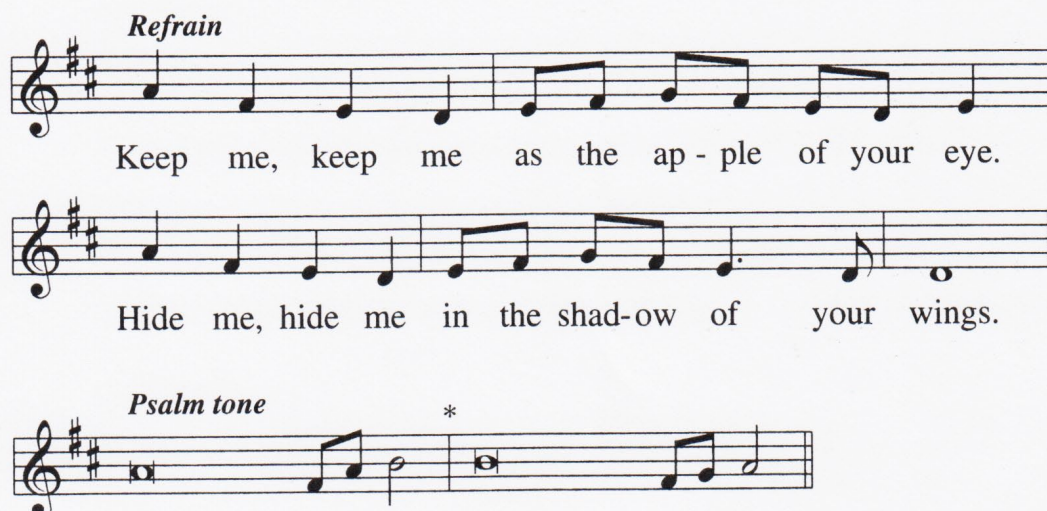
⁴ Then the word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." ⁵ He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then He said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

⁶ Abram believed the Lord, and He credited it to him as righteousness. (2011)

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**





I lift up my eyes to the hills.*
Where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD,*
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip,*
he who watches over you will not slumber;

indeed, he who watches over Israel*
will neither slumber nor sleep.

Refrain

The LORD watches over you,*
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The LORD will keep you from all harm,*
he will watch over your life;

the LORD will watch over your coming and going*
both now and forevermore.

**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

Second Lesson **Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16** – The gift of faith allows us to see the treasure that is found in the city whose architect and builder is God.

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered Him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them. (NIV 2011)

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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

The musical score is written on three staves in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is labeled 'Cantor:' and contains four lines of lyrics. The second staff is labeled 'All:' and contains four lines of lyrics. The third staff contains two lines of lyrics. The music consists of simple eighth and quarter notes, with a final double bar line and repeat dots at the end of the third staff.

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:
life that you have prom - ised: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
hearts of all your peo - ple:

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

Gospel **Luke 12:22-34** – Jesus assures us that we have a Father in heaven who knows what we need better than we do.

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

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

²² Then Jesus said to His disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? ²⁶ Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

²⁷ "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek His kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (NIV 2011)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day **CW 828** "Where Your Treasure Is"

The 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.

Gathering of Our Offerings

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 and 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.

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 proper that we should give thanks and praise to You, O Lord, for in Jesus Christ, the servant of all, You have shown Your saving love and rescued us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Grant that, in response to our salvation, we may live faithfully and generously, meeting the needs of others and bringing glory to Your name. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may rejoice in the gifts before us and thank You with songs of praise and hearts filled with love.

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!

rit.

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Words of Institution (Spoken by the pastor.)

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

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

Last time
Cantor: mer-cy on us. *All:* Je-sus, Lamb of God; you

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

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 663** “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” (CW93 311)

Thanksgiving

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

C: And His mercy endures forever.

P: Gracious Lord, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus. Grant that the bread of life and blood of Christ that has been shared and received in this blessed Meal may be for us that life-giving food that nourishes us, allays our fears, and sustains us on our earthly journeys as we seek to bring You honor and praise all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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.

Closing Hymn CW 859 “Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure”

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week
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Cleaning this Week: Daugherty and Dundore

Today— Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Friday—Preschool toy cleaning / sanitizing party at 9:00 AM

Men’s Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Next Sunday—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Institutional Ministries Presentation at 10:45 AM in the New Life Café

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.

RETIREMENT

Pastor Bauer has announced that he will retire at the end of August. His last Sunday at New Life will be August 31.

CHURCH SIGN

This past week the Village of Lake Zurich granted a sign permit to New Life. The electronic sign boards will now be ordered. Soon, the sign company will come to remove the sign from the pedestal to repaint it and get it ready for the new sign boards.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of Sunday, August 3rd we have received \$12,244 in offerings for the current fiscal year. This places us \$12,244 behind the budget, which is \$3,064 worse than the previous week.

FAREWELL BRUNCH

The Branch Connection will serve a farewell brunch for Pastor Bauer on his last Sunday, August 31. The brunch will begin after the Sunday service.

PRE CALL MEETING

The District President, Dan Leyer, would like to meet with members of the congregation on the evening of Monday, August 25, for something called a pre call meeting. At that meeting he would like to hear in person what the congregation will be looking for in a new pastor and will also explain the calling procedure in our synod. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Sunday School will begin on September 7. A rotation of teachers will once again be used to teach Sunday School. A flier, containing the schedule for the year, has been published. A sign-up sheet for teachers has been posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

GUEST PREACHER / INSTITUTIONAL MINISTRIES PRESENTATION

Rev. Phil Henslin will come to guest preach at New Life on Sunday, August 17. Phil was associated with Institutional Ministries as a Board Member in 2014 before accepting the call to be Executive Director in 2016. He oversees all aspects of the ministry and reports quarterly to the Board of Directors. He takes the time to meet with donors and foundations, guides the chaplains as needed, oversees the email devotion ministry (GraceLinks), and works closely with all office personnel who are the "arms and legs" behind the scenes for our chaplains. Whenever possible, he enjoys visiting congregations and schools, explaining the vast reach of this ministry. Phil will conduct the service and also offer a presentation on Institutional Ministries after the service.

