



“You give them
something to eat.”

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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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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 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: Father, I am hungry in my spirit for Your message of pardon and comfort. All week I have struggled against my sinful flesh, many times unsuccessfully. Feed me this morning in Your house with the heavenly manna of Your Word, and satisfy my longings for mercy. I Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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Today's Theme: ***GOD MEETS OUR NEED TO MEET OTHERS' NEEDS***

King David explains, "The earth is the LORD's and everything in it" (Psalm 24:1). That word "everything" doesn't leave any wiggle room, does it? That word "everything" means that your home and all its furnishings, your vehicle and all that's in the trunk, your bank account, the twenty-eight dollars in your wallet, the wallet itself, and the pocket in which you carry your wallet *all* belong to God. Everything you have was given to you by your good and gracious Father. We need to understand that.

But it is just as important that we understand *why* God provides for our physical needs. As we have seen throughout this worship series, God has called us to ministry. He asks us to reflect His love in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of others. Believers *want* to serve others in those ways. By providing for us, God meets our need to meet others' needs. This week Jesus promises that He will provide the resources necessary to conduct meaningful ministry.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 749 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" (CW93 353)

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences Psalm 51:15, 17; 70:1

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God!

C: O LORD, come quickly to help me!

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

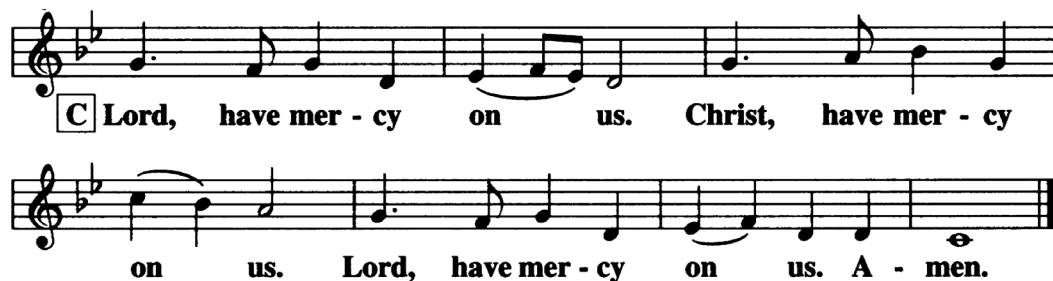
C: a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Confession of Sin 2 Timothy 2:10

P: Because of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, our heavenly Father will not hold our sins against us but offers forgiveness, life, and salvation to all who call on Him for mercy and grace. Let us then confess our sins to Him in confident faith.

P: Gracious God, You have known us before we were born, and since coming to faith we have known Your amazing grace. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For Jesus' sake, turn us from selfish ways to walk in paths pleasing to You to the glory of Your holy name. Lord, have mercy.

The Kyrie— The congregation and Pastor sing...



Absolution

P: In the mercy of almighty God, He gave His Son to live as one of us and to die for us. As a called and ordained servant of the word, 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 in the highest and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory!
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.**

(interlude)

**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, receive our prayer.
Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth.**

**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 God the Father.
Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth
Glory to God, glory to God.**

The Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 First Lesson: **Exodus 16:1-15** – The LORD graciously and miraculously provides for the physical needs of the children of Israel.

The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. ² In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵ On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because He has heard your grumbling against Him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" ⁸ Moses also said, "You will know that it was the Lord when He gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because He has heard your grumbling against Him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord."

⁹ Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the Lord, for He has heard your grumbling.'"

¹⁰ While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud.

¹¹ The Lord said to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'"

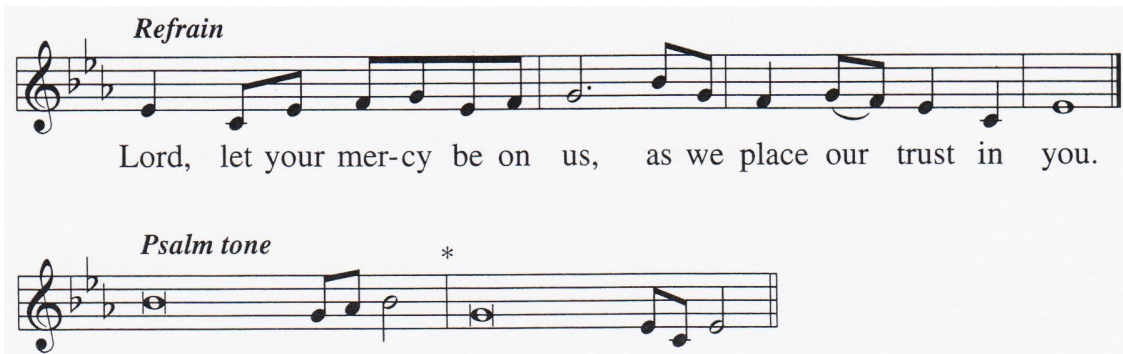
¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat. (NIV 2011)

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm of the Day: **Psalm 145**



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;*
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;*
they will tell of your mighty acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall*
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Refrain

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.*
You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,*
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;*
he hears their cry and saves them.

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 9:8-11** – Paul teaches that God blesses us abundantly so that we have the resources to abound in every good work, generously helping others in all their needs.

⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written:

"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰ Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. (NIV 2011)

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments and His paths beyond tracing out! For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Alleluia! (*Romans 11:33-36*)

The Gospel Lesson: **Mark 6:35-44** – Jesus ministers to people by sharing the good news of salvation and by providing for their physical needs.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so His disciples came to Him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

³⁷ But He answered, "You give them something to eat."

They said to Him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

³⁸ "How many loaves do you have?" He asked. "Go and see."

When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, He gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then He gave them to His disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand. (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Creed: The Apostle's Creed, First Article, Luther's Meaning

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

P: 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 preserve 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: CW 827 "Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing"

The Sermon Text:

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me.

Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or

take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -

hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The Offering (Gathered by the ushers and 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 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.

C: And also with you. (spoken)

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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



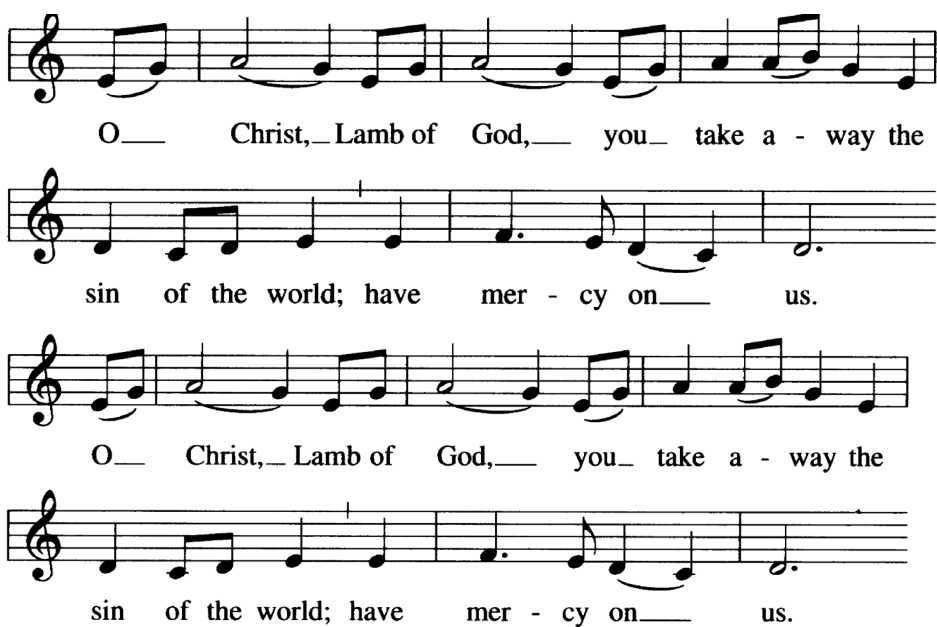
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
 God of might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
 ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
 ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution (spoken by the Pastor)

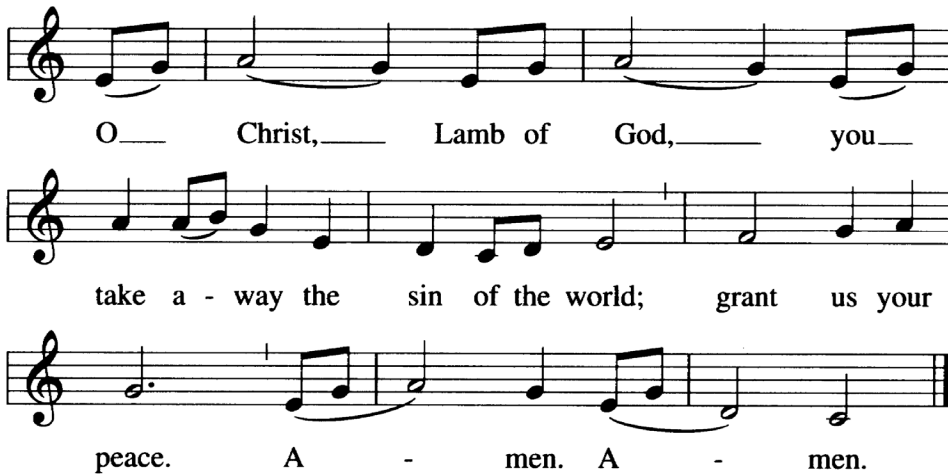
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



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.



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 506** “For the Fruits of His Creation” (CW93 611)

The Song of Simeon

[C] In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de -
part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal -
va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a
light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

C: And His mercy endures forever.

P: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through 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.

The Closing Hymn: **CW 507** “Let All Things Now Living” (CW93 260)

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: James

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

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Tuesday through Friday—WELS Worship Conference at Carthage College in Racine, WI

Next Sunday—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

CPR Training from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP SHEET

A new sign-up sheet has been posted for providing something to eat and drink after the Sunday service. The sheet covers July 2024 through October 2024.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of Sunday, July 14th we have received \$7,562 in offerings for the current fiscal year. This places us \$1,599 behind the budget.

CPR CLASS

On Sunday, August 4, a trainer will come to provide a CPR and First Aid Class for the preschool staff. If you are interested in attending, please talk to Pastor Bauer.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

Last Sunday at New Life’s voter’s meeting, Brian James was elected to church council by unanimous consent.

ANNUAL REPORT / MINISTRY PLAN

An annual report for 2023-24 and a ministry plan for 2024-25 has been prepared for all the members of New Life. The usher will hand you your report this morning after church if you haven’t received yours yet.