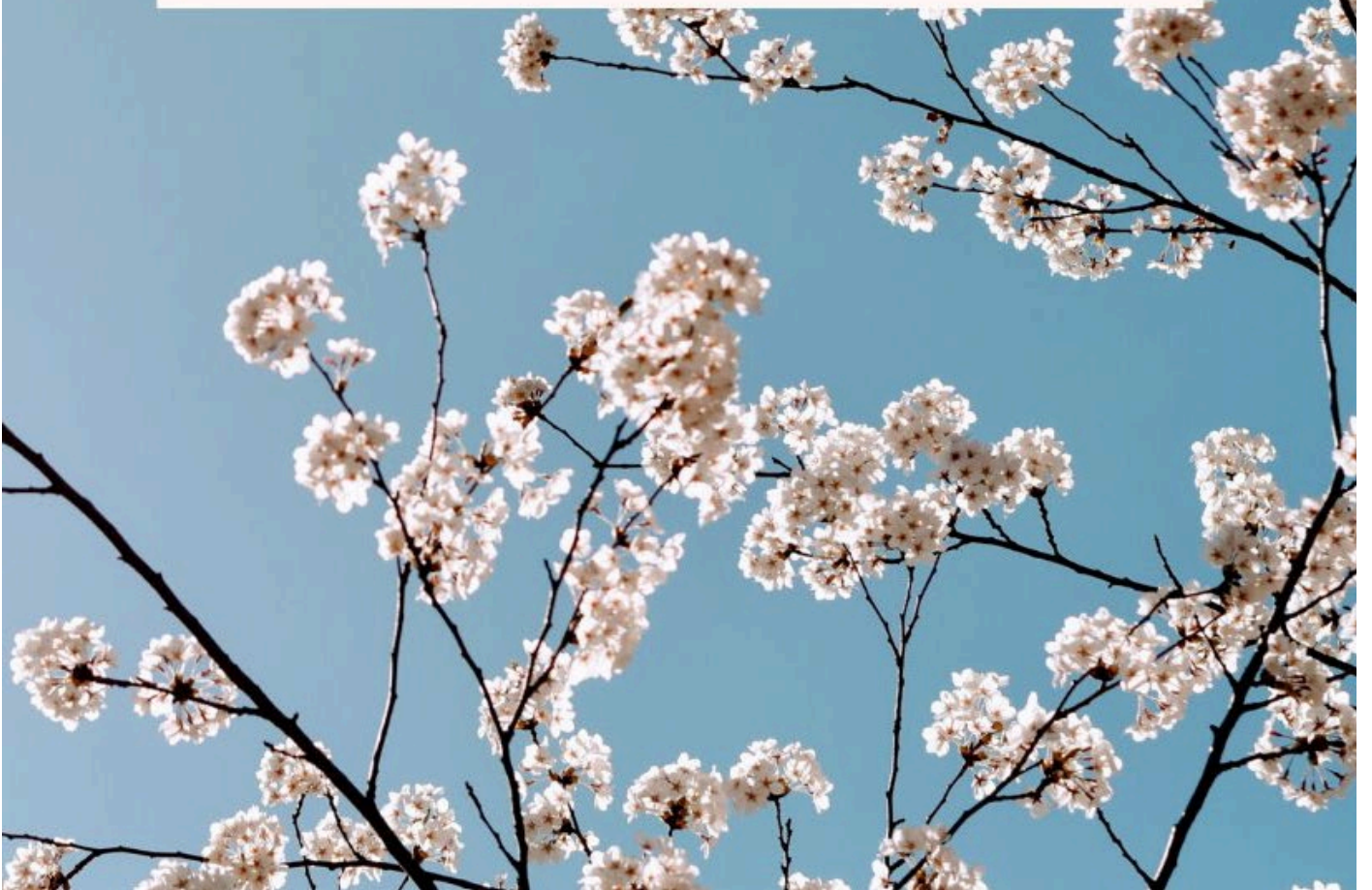


Numbers 6:24 NIV

**THE LORD
BLESS YOU
AND KEEP
YOU.**



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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost **August 31, 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: Blessed Lord, when the patriarch Jacob was told by You to return home and be reunited with his brother Esau, You met him on the way at the river Jabbok. There he "wrestled with You," refusing to let go until he received Your blessing. We come here today for the same reason, to receive Your blessing and to be a blessing in the lives of others. We refuse to go home, we refuse to leave this place without Your blessing. We will not let go of You until You bless us. Do that for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: GIVE ME YOUR BLESSING

When someone wants someone else's approval, they may ask for their "blessing." Today, our service focusses on the willingness of God to be identified as our God, to put His name on His people, claiming them as His own, and pouring out His undeserved blessings. Christian people bless God, are blessed by God and seek to be a blessing to others.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW93 383 "Blessed Are They, Forever Blest"

**Blessed are they, forever blest,
Whose guilt is pardoned by their God,
Whose sins with sorrow are confessed
And covered with their Savior's blood.**

Blessed are they to whom the Lord
Imputes not their iniquity.
They plead no merit or reward
And not on works but grace rely.

From guile their hearts and lips are free;
Their humble joy, their holy fear
With deep repentance well agree
And join to prove their faith sincere.

How glorious is that righteousness
That hides and cancels all their sins,
While bright the evidence of grace
Through all their lives appears and shines!

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

Psalms 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.

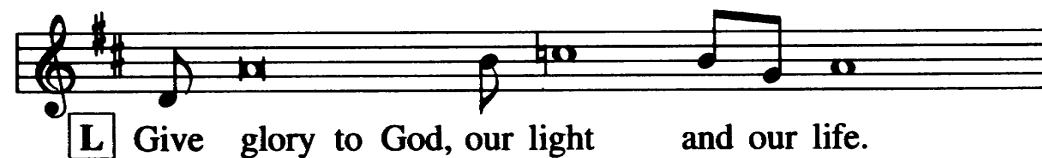
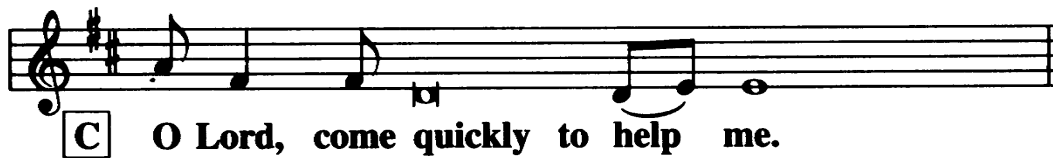
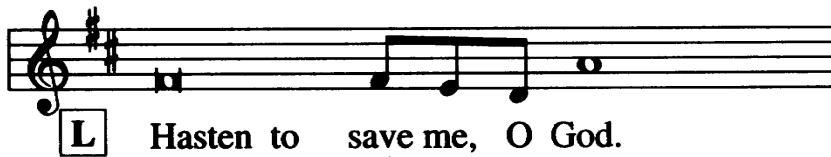
P: For these sins and all sins against You,

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)



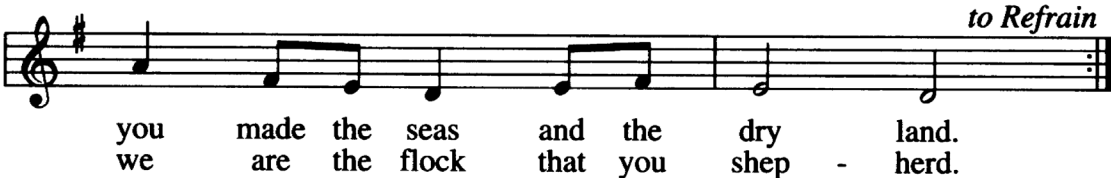
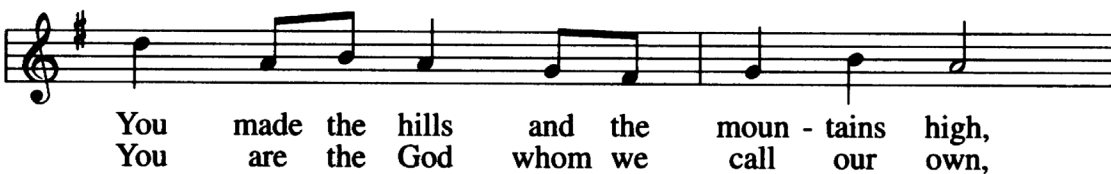
(We sing words from Psalm 95 in a song called the "Venite")

L Refrain

C Refrain



L 2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



The First Lesson: **Numbers 6:22-27** Despite the rebellion, idolatry and complaining, God instruct Moses to have his brother Aaron and Aaron's sons bless the Children of Israel by putting God's saving name on the people.

²² The Lord said to Moses, ²³ "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

²⁴ ""The Lord bless you
and keep you;

²⁵ the Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace.""

²⁷ "So they will put My name on the Israelites, and I will bless them." (NIV 2011)

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**



Psalm of the Day: Ten Thousand Reasons (Based on Psalm 103, 65 and 86)

Refrain



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;



wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,



O my soul; I'll wor - ship your ho - ly name.



- 1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing;—
- 2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
- 3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the



it's time to sing your— song a - gain. What - ev - er may
name— is— great, and your heart is kind. For all— your
end— draws— near, and my time has come; still— my



pass,— and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,
good-ness, I will keep— on— sing - ing—
soul will sing your praise— un - end - ing—



Refrain

let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
ten thou-sand rea - sons for my heart to find.
ten thou-sand years and then for - ev - er - more.

The Second Lesson **2 Corinthians 13:11-14** After writing two long letters to his beloved congregation in Corinth, Paul closes his second letter with a blessing sometimes called the Pauline Blessing.

¹¹ Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

¹² Greet one another with an holy kiss.

¹³ All the saints salute you.

¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen. (KJV)

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Alleluia. (Psalm 32:1)

The Gospel Lesson: **Luke 24:44-53** From Easter evening when Jesus appeared to the disciples to the hill outside of Bethany forty days later, Jesus wanted His disciples to know that they were blessed. He would soon bless them with the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The last sight the disciples saw of Jesus was Him lifting up His hands to bless.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what My Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ When He had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God. (NIV 2011)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Hymn of the Day: CW93 394 “Blessed Are the Saints of God”

**Blessed are the saints of God; They are bought with Christ's own blood.
They are ransomed from the grave; Life eternal they shall have.
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity.**

**They are justified by grace; They enjoy the Savior's peace.
All their sins are washed away; They shall stand in God's great day.
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity.**

**They are lights upon the earth, Children of a heav'nly birth.
One with God, with Jesus one, Glory is in them begun.
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity.**

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.)



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar-tys of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
"O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

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



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

P: Every good and perfect gift comes from You, O Lord. You are the source of all that is good. Knowing that, believing that, we join today to ask:

C: Lord, bless us.

P: Keep us safe. Keep us in Your protection. Keep us in Your word and keep us in the holy faith. Keep away from us all temptation. Keep us faithful to You and faithful to one another. Keep us faithful in prayer and in our participation and support of all that takes place at this church. Keep us as Your very own for time and for eternity.

C: Lord, keep us.

P: Instead of turning Your face away from us in disgust, turn Your face toward us as a sign of Your pleasure, satisfaction and approval. Relying solely on Jesus' saving work, on His amazing grace, mercy and love, with the Psalmist we say: "God be merciful to us and bless us and cause Your face to shine upon us. (Psl. 67:1)

C: Lord, let Your face shine upon us.

P: We have experienced Your gracious call to faith and Your continuing invitation to come to You. We know about Your gracious work and words. Surround us with Your gracious presence. Continue to bestow on us Your gracious love. Enfold us in Your gracious arms. Undeserving though we are, we pray:

C: Lord, be gracious to us.

P: Disfavor will often show on a person's face. We pray, Lord, that You would look upon us with favor. Though there is nothing in us or about us that is so great and wonderful as to light up Your face, yet, because of Jesus, who through His suffering and death has made atonement for us, has cleansed us in His shed blood, and has made us, once again, God's very own, we are assured that You look upon us with favor and smile on us. So we pray:

C: Lord, look on us with favor.

P: Lord, we know that our sin is the cause of hostility between God and man. We have sinful minds that are at enmity with You. Yet, Christ, the Prince of Peace has brought about peace between God and people. The angels sang, "Peace to men on whom God's favor rests." Jesus proclaimed to the fearful disciples, "Peace be with you." Knowing that there is peace between God and man, believing this, resting on this—our hearts are filled with wonderful peace, peace that passes all understanding, peace that knows no measure. So we pray:

C: Lord, grant us Your peace.

P: Put Your name on us.

C: Lord, bless us.

P: Put Your name on us.

C: Lord, keep us.

P: Put Your name on us.

C: Lord, let Your face shine upon us.

P: Put Your name on us.

C: Lord, be gracious to us.

P: Put Your name on us.

C: Lord, look on us with favor.

P: Put Your name on us.

C: Lord, grant us Your peace. Amen.

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.

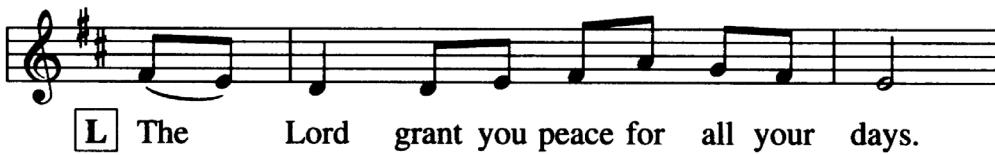


L Let us praise the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

The Blessing



Closing Hymn: CW 927 "Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" (CW93 329)

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Dall

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

Farewell brunch shortly after the service

Monday—Labor Day

Tuesday—First Day of Two-Year-Old and Three-Year-Old Preschool

Wednesday—First Day of Four-Year-Old Preschool

Next Sunday—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:45 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.

CHURCH SIGN

Recently, the Village of Lake Zurich granted a sign permit to New Life. 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. The electronic sign boards have been ordered.

FAREWELL BRUNCH

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

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of Sunday, August 24th we have received \$26,734 in offerings for the current fiscal year. This places us \$11,710 behind the budget, which is \$1,740 worse than the previous week.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Last Sunday, New Life welcomed into membership James Fapso, the husband of Alyssa Fapso (nee Dundore). James has completed the Adult Information class and joins New Life by way of adult confirmation. If you haven't met James, please introduce yourself to him and welcome him to New Life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Sunday School and Adult Bible class begin next Sunday, September 7, at 10:45 AM.