



# New Life Ev. Lutheran Church Lake Zurich, IL

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## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 19 September 17, 2023

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.

<p><u>Before Service Prayer:</u> Lord, I admit that I have a blind spot. I see the sin of those around me and against me, but am blind to my own sin. Open my eyes, so I can see my sin, rejoice that my debt of sin has been cancelled in the blood of Jesus and then gladly forgive the small debt of my neighbor's sin. Work in me the impossible by turning me into someone who is quick to forgive—from the heart. Amen.</p>
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### As We Gather: **A CHURCH THAT'S QUICK TO FORGIVE**

"Pay it forward." That phrase means that when someone does something for you, instead of paying that person back directly, you pass along kindness to another person instead. Doing something kind for someone else is a way of thanking the person who originally did something kind for you.

Today God applies that concept to forgiveness. God forgave our countless sins. He was willing to pay an incomprehensible price—the death of his Son. Obviously, we will never have occasion do the same for God. We will never have to forgive God because everything He does for us shows perfect love and care. God never wrongs us. But others may do us wrong. Others may cause us pain. And when we are quick to forgive, it is one way we thank God for being so quick to forgive us. This is what God wants in His Church—people who, like Him, are quick to forgive.

### Pastor's Welcome

**HYMN**            **CW 587** "Come Down, O Love Divine"

**INVOCATION**

Pastor:            In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People:            **Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**      *Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 8*

Pastor:            Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
People:            **sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**

Pastor:            Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds! . . .  
People:            **All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name."**

Pastor:            Come and see what God has done:  
People:            **He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.**

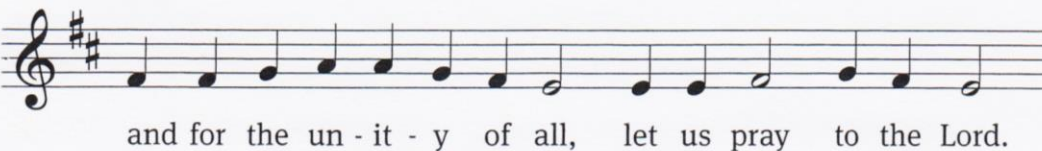
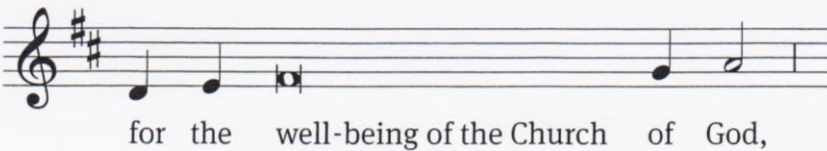
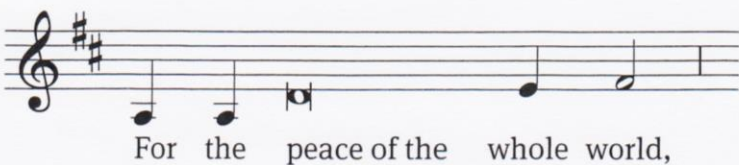
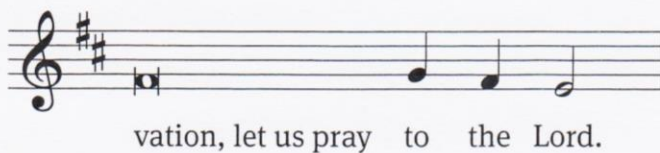
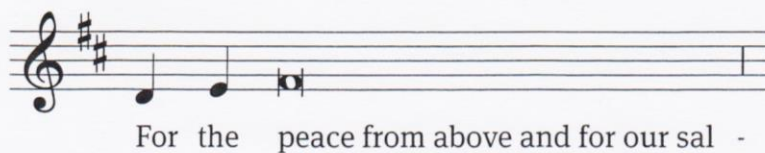
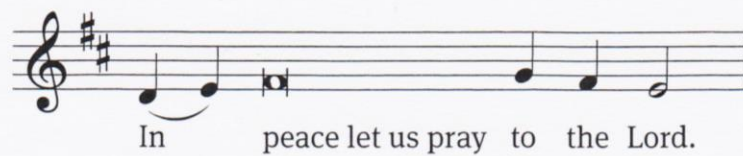
Pastor:            Bless our God, O peoples;  
People:            **let the sound of His praise be heard.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor:            Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.  
People:            **O most gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we have done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your faithful servants. We have been unforgiving and loveless and careless in the stewardship of Your creation. We deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and guide us into renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.**

Pastor:            God is indeed gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. By the command of my Lord Jesus Christ and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People:            **Amen.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY** (The congregation sings the words in bold print.)





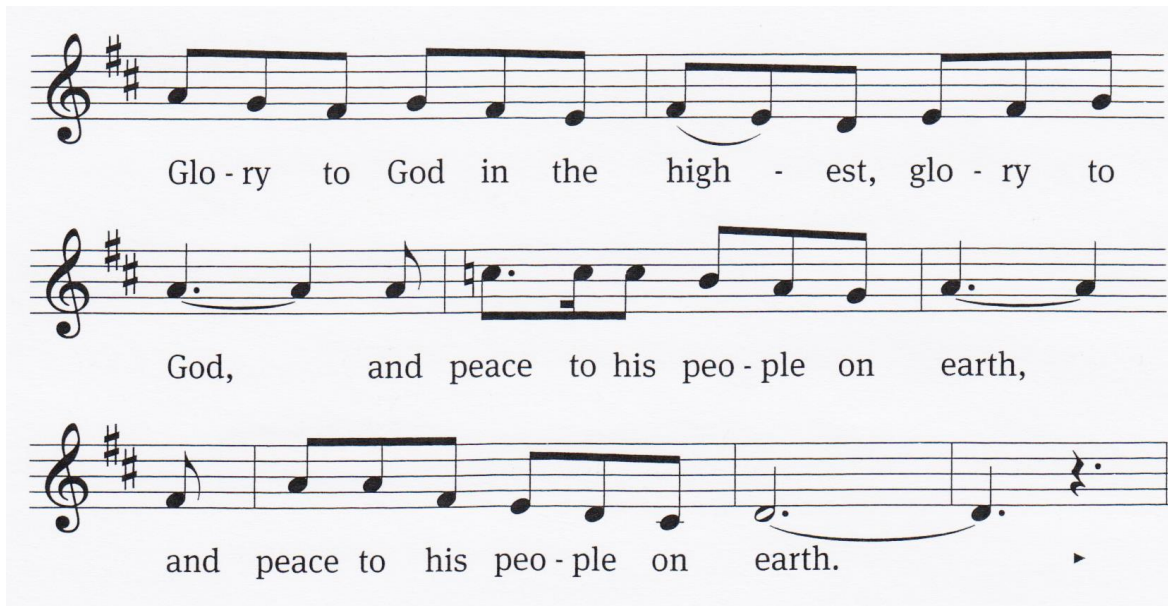
For this holy house and for all who offer here their  
wor-ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer - cy.  
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.  
A - men. A - men.



## HYMN OF PRAISE

Pastor: In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord!

(Sing as much of the song of praise as you like.)



Soloist: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise you for Your glory.

**All: Refrain.**

Soloist: 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.

**All: Refrain.**

Soloist: 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. Amen.

**All: Refrain.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.  
O God, You are always ready to hear the prayers of Your people. Grant that we may with all boldness and courage bring to You our petitions with the assurance that for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ You will hear them, forgiving our trespasses and granting us Your guidance in this life and every blessing in the life to come. This we ask through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

## WORD

**FIRST LESSON**      **Genesis 50:15-21** – Joseph’s brothers had treated him badly. Joseph was quick to forgive them and free them from the prison of their past.

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?” <sup>16</sup> So they sent word to Joseph, saying, “Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup> ‘This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.’ Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.” When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

<sup>18</sup> His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. “We are your slaves,” they said.

<sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup> So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them. (NIV 2011)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.



**PSALM 103** (Today's Psalm setting uses something called an Ostinato Refrain. The word Ostinato means something persistent. In this Psalm setting, the refrain will be introduced, the pastor will sing it, the congregation will sing it and keep on singing it even as the verses are sung, until it is sung twice after the third verse.)

The refrain music is introduced:

Pastor sings the refrain:

**The congregation sings the refrain, and keeps on singing it:**



The image displays a musical score for Psalm 103, consisting of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The first system's lyrics are "Bless the LORD, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." The second system's lyrics are "Bless the LORD, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The music is written in a style that suggests a simple, repetitive melody, consistent with the Ostinato Refrain mentioned in the text.

Verse One: It is God who forgives all your guilt, who heals everyone of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

**Refrain:**

Verse Two: the LORD is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. God does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

**Refrain:**

Verse Three: As a father has compassion on his children, the LORD has pity on those who fear Him; for God knows of what we are made and remembers that we are dust.

**Refrain sung twice:**



**EPISTLE**      **Ephesians 4:29-5:2** – St. Paul teaches that kindness, compassion, and forgiveness are marks of God's Church.

<sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. <sup>1</sup> Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup> and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (NIV 2011)

Pastor:            The Word of the Lord.

People:           **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Soloist:           Refrain.

*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Pastor:           Rejoice in the Lord, for His love and faithfulness.

All:               **Refrain**

**HOLY GOSPEL**      **Matthew 18:21-35** – Through a parable Jesus teaches that the ability to forgive others comes when the Spirit enables us to understand how much God has forgiven us.

**Pastor:**            The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup> "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

<sup>26</sup> "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' <sup>27</sup> The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

<sup>28</sup> "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

<sup>29</sup> "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

<sup>30</sup> "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

<sup>32</sup> "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' <sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

<sup>35</sup> "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart." (NIV 2011)

**Pastor:**            The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:**            **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

CW 733 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (CW93 493)

## SERMON

### CATECHISM *The Second Article and Luther's Meaning*

**Pastor:** In the Second Article of the Creed, we confess Jesus to be the Savior, the One who fulfills God's promises and brings us forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

**People:** **I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**Pastor:** What does this mean?

**People:** **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

**He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.**

**All this He did that I should be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from death and lives and rules eternity.**

**This is most certainly true.**

**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.



**OFFERTORY** "Bell Peal on Old 10<sup>th</sup>" (Played by the Tone Chime Choir)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Verses sung to St. Flavian, CW93 412)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the Church, that God's people live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Grant that humility and mutual service be the hallmarks of our lives together.

**HYMN      Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way  
Wherever love may lead  
And bending low, forgetting self,  
Each serve the other's need.**

Pastor: We pray for the nations of the world, that the presence of Christ be experienced everywhere around the globe and that the Gospel may have free course in every land. We bless You for the dedicated service of missionaries and deployed church workers in so many places around the globe. Grant that their service may meet with success and be filled with joy.

**HYMN      You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,  
But pow'r You laid aside.  
You lived Your years in servanthood;  
In lowliness You died.**

Pastor: We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Grant that we be always ready to listen to others and to grant our forgiveness when it is needed. As we live in community together, grant that we never take others for granted but rather that we encourage the labors in which we work together to the glory of God.

**HYMN      No golden scepter but a towel  
You place within the hands  
Of those who seek to follow You  
And live by Your commands.**

Pastor: We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are known and not known to us. Grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places, even when that service requires devotion and sacrifice on our part.

**HYMN      You bid us bend our human pride  
Nor count ourselves above  
The lowest place, the meanest task  
That waits the gift of love.**

Pastor: Merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. We thank You for the times when forgiveness, offered by others, has blessed and sustained us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant's way throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

**People:      Amen.**



## LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9:1-13



1 Hal - low - ed be Your name. Fa - ther, hear our prayer.  
2 Keep us from ev - 'ry ill, from the e - vil one.



Let Your good will be done here and ev - 'ry - where.  
Grant us grace bought for us by Your ho - ly Son.



Fa - ther who art in heav'n, let Your king - dom come.  
You a - lone have the pow'r and the glo - ry, Lord.



Ev - 'ry day, give us bread; thank You for the sum.  
You a - lone reign as King, ev - er - more a - dored.



And for - give us our sins as we, too, for - give.  
Hear us call on Your name here on earth be - low.



Lead us from all that tempts all the days we live.  
Now we sing Your a - men; yes, it shall be so!

## CLOSING COLLECT

**Pastor:** Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage and a hope that cannot be extinguished, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us, Your love supporting us and Your Son abiding with us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.

**People:** Amen.

<b>Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week</b>
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Cleaning this week: *Dall*

**Today**—Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 19 Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

**Wednesday**—EC Committee Meeting at 5:45 PM

Outreach Seminar at 7:00 PM

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

Fellowship Outing at NWU at 7:00 PM

**Sunday**—Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 20 Communion Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

#### **FELLOWSHIP**

A new fellowship sheet has been posted. If you’d like to bring something to eat and drink after the service on Sunday, use the sign-up sheet to reserve a Sunday.

#### **BIBLE CLASS**

**Sunday**—Sunday morning Bible Class is studying the life and ministry of Jesus making use of the “Chosen” video. Bible class begins in the New Life Café at 10:45 AM

**Friday**--Men’s Bible class meets on Fridays at 11:30 AM. The Men’s Bible Class is working through a study called, “Working for the Man Upstairs.”

#### **VOLLEYBALL OUTING**

On Friday, September 22, Northwestern women’s volleyball team takes on the UW Madison volleyball team at Welsh Ryan Arena in Evanston. The game begins at 7:00 PM. If you’d like to join other members at the game, you can purchase your own tickets online in advance or at the door. There is no assigned seating. Welsh Ryan Arena is located at 2705 Ashland Ave, Evanston, IL 60208. See the sign-up in the fellowship hall to indicate if you are interested in attending this event with other members of New Life.

#### **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

As of Sunday, September 10th we have received \$30,127 in offerings for the current fiscal year, which is \$16,156 behind budget.

## **New Life Lutheran Church's Fall Speakers**

### **Presentation #1**

**September 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

**Speaker: Rev. Eric Roecker**

**Director - WELS Commission on Evangelism**

Rev. Roecker will share some thoughts on why personal witnessing is more important than ever given what's happened in our culture over the past 30 or so years. He will then spend time giving a brief overview of Everyone Outreach, an eight hour seminar intended to help congregation build and maintain a culture of outreach.



The members and friends of New Life and members from neighboring congregations are invited to attend. New Life is located at 910 S. Old Rand Road, Lake Zurich, IL 60047. New Life's phone number is 847-438-5018.



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BUILDING A CONGREGATIONAL OUTREACH CULTURE

