

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church

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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 basement 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 basement 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.

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.

Before Service Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, You instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion to seal to me the personal guarantee that all my sins are forgiven. Lead me to true sorrow and repentance for all my sins. Give me faith to believe Your body and blood, once given and shed on the cross, are present with the bread and wine which I receive in this sacrament. Fill my heart and mind with comfort, peace, and joy, knowing that all my sins are pardoned. Give me renewed zeal each day and lead me to live a godly life in loving obedience to Your commandments. I ask this in Your precious name, O Savior. Amen.

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Today's Theme: When God's people go out of their way to do things that are right before both God and man, God's blessings abound.

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Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: LSB 342 "What Hope! An Eden Prophesied"

**What hope! An Eden prophesied
Where tame live with the wild;
The lamb and lion side by side,
Led by a little child!**

**A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem,
A branch from David's line,
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem:
The fruit of God's design.**

**As banner of God's love unfurled,
Christ came to suffer loss,
That by His death a dying world
Would rally to the cross.**

**Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord,
Lost Paradise restore;
Lead past the angel's flaming sword
Come, open heaven's door.**

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



Confession of Sins

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

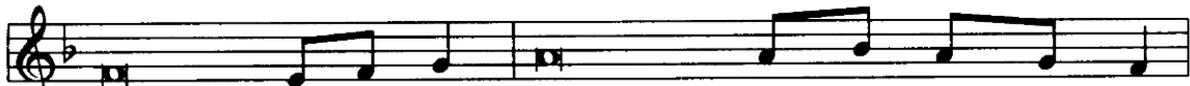
C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.



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



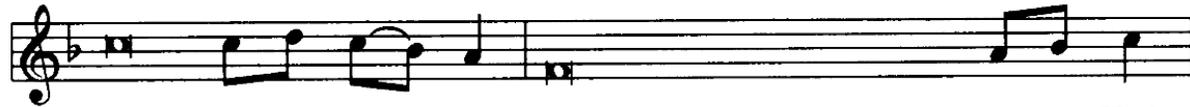
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.



C: A - men.

The First Lesson: Ruth 4:1-12 (Boaz goes out of his way to conduct himself in an honorable way before both God and man.)

¹ Meanwhile Boaz went up to the town gate and sat down there just as the guardian-redeemer he had mentioned came along. Boaz said, “Come over here, my friend, and sit down.” So he went over and sat down.

² Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, “Sit here,” and they did so. ³ Then he said to the guardian-redeemer, “Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that belonged to our relative Elimelek. ⁴ I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me, so I will know. For no one has the right to do it except you, and I am next in line.”

“I will redeem it,” he said.

⁵ Then Boaz said, “On the day you buy the land from Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the dead man’s widow, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property.”

⁶ At this, the guardian-redeemer said, “Then I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I cannot do it.”

⁷ (Now in earlier times in Israel, for the redemption and transfer of property to become final, one party took off his sandal and gave it to the other. This was the method of legalizing transactions in Israel.)

⁸ So the guardian-redeemer said to Boaz, “Buy it yourself.” And he removed his sandal.

⁹ Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, “Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon. ¹⁰ I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlon’s widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from his hometown. Today you are witnesses!”

¹¹ Then the elders and all the people at the gate said, “We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the family of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. ¹² Through the offspring the LORD gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.” (NIV 2011)

Installation of the Church Council

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

The Gospel: **Matthew 1:18-24** (Surely, Joseph knew the account of his ancestor Boaz. Motivated by love, Joseph took the opposite approach when it came to his wife Mary whom he thought had been unfaithful to him. Instead of publicly embarrassing her, he sought to end what was already ended, avoiding public disgrace for Mary. In both Boaz and Joseph's case, following the law of Christian love was paramount.)

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The 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.

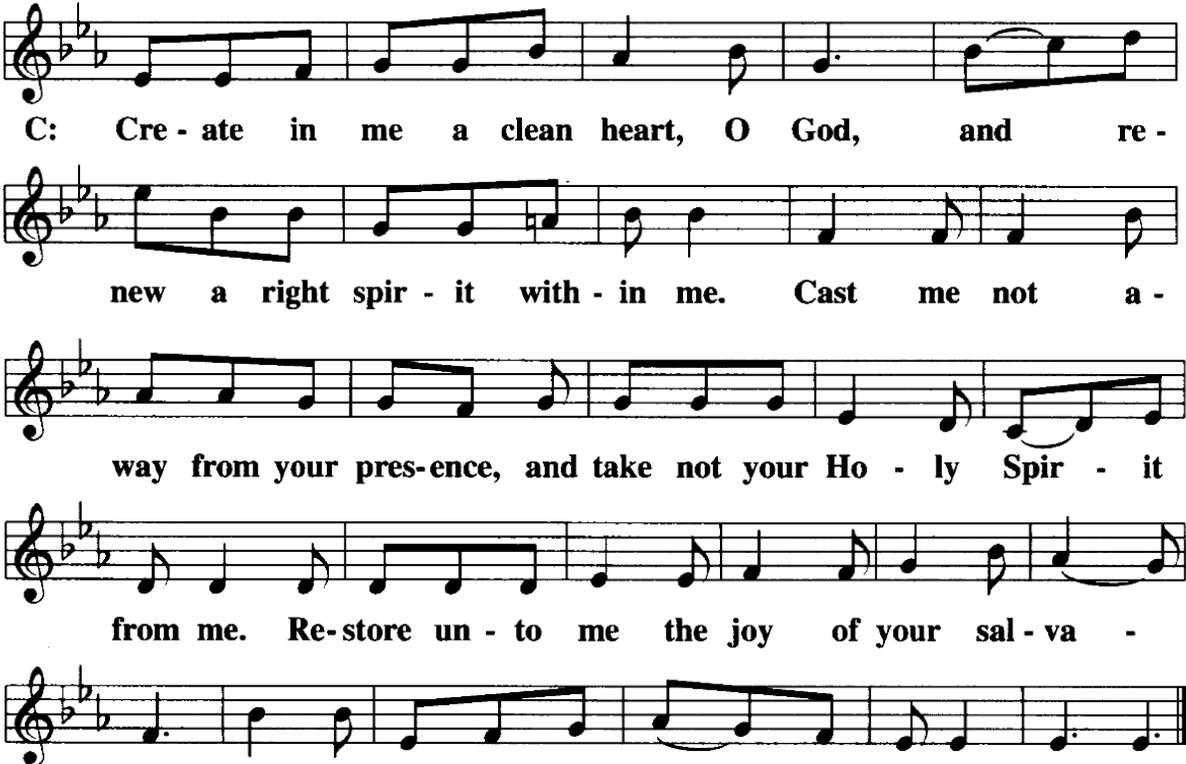
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: **CW 5 "As Angels Joyed with One Accord"**

The Sermon

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

The Offering

The Offering Prayer

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.



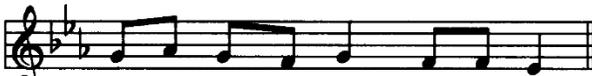
C: **And al - so with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: **We lift them up un - 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 and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in His name, there He is with them to shepherd His flock till He comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:



C: **Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:**



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution

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

C: A - men.

A single line of musical notation in C major, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, and finally a half note A4. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

O Christ, Lamb of God

C: 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.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Five lines of musical notation in C major, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is consistent across all lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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.

In the shattered bliss of Eden
Dawned the day of sacrifice,
As our primal parents shuddered
Sin had caused this dreadful price!
Faith embarked with this discernment:
Only God can cover sin,
As He took their leafy garments
And He clothed their shame with skin.

Days and months and years unfolding
Clearly showed what sin had wrought:
Fallen Adam’s children learning
Lessons fallen parents taught.
All these sacrificial off’rings
Crested as a crimson flood:
Patriarchs and priests atoning
For their sins with cleansing blood.

What these sacrifices promised
From a God who sought to bless,
Came at last a second Adam
Priest and King of Righteousness:
Son of God, incarnate Savior,
Son of Man, both Christ and Lord,
Who in naked shame would offer
On the cross His blood outpoured.

Lamb of God, once slain for sinners,
Host, who spreads this meal divine,
Here You pledge our sins are covered
Pledge received in bread and wine:
“Take and eat; this is My body,
Given on the cross for you.
Take and drink; this cup of blessing
Is My blood poured out for you.”

Taste and see the bliss of heaven
Known by saints around the throne,
Where the Lamb in closest union,
Lives to love and feed his own.
From His riven side forever
Flows the purest stream of love,
Love that robes us with the raiment
Worn by all who feast above.

Gone the bliss of Eden’s garden,
Gone the age of sacrifice;
Ours the time of grace and favor,
Ours the call to Paradise!

Ever, Lord, impress upon us:
 Only You can cover sin—
 Take our worthless, self-made garments;
 Clothe our shame and cleanse within. (tune CW 465)

The Song of Simeon

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

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

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

P: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in Your loving kindness You sent Your Son to share our humanity. We thank You that through Him You have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that You will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve You day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

The Closing Hymn: LSB 691 “Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing”

**Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s sowing,
May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing,
Rich in love and joy and peace.**

**Laden branches freely bearing
Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing,
Patience, kindness, gentleness.**

**Rooted deep in Christ our Master,
Christ our pattern and our goal,
Teach us, as the years fly faster,
Goodness, faith and self-control.**

**Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s tending,
May we grow till harvests cease;
Till we taste, in life unending,
Heaven’s love and joy and peace.**

Announcements

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Sarvady

Today—Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Monday – Wednesday—Pastor & Rachel out of town

Wednesday—NO Bible Classes

Next Sunday— Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with VBS this past week. A total of 102 kids were registered. The average attendance each day was 86.

The church council assignments for the 2017-18 fiscal year are as follows: John Massa—Chairman, Joe Berg—Secretary, Brent Anderson—Treasurer, Ken Sarvady—Financial Secretary, Worship and Education—Pastor Bauer, Outreach—John Landenberger and Steve Flunker, Elder—Mike Spangle, Stewardship—John Lester. Property and Fellowship are vacant.

Sand volleyball camp had 27 kids participate this year. If you want a camp t-shirt, grab one off the table in the entryway and put \$10 in the plate.

Our Faithfulness to God’s Word Last Sunday—65

