

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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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24, 2017 “Joyful Generosity—Abundance vs. Scarcity”

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. And 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: Gracious and generous Father, I am so sorry that I often approach my life from the vantage point of “scarcity,” focusing on what I don't have instead of what I do have. When I do that, I rob myself of the joy You intend I have in the faithful use of what You have given and the privilege of being able to give away what You have entrusted to me. Change my heart. Give to me the mind of Christ. You have enriched me in every way. I have all that I need, in abundance. Grant that this week I may come at my life from the vantage point of the free gifts You have scattered into the life of this poor sinner, so that I in turn may do some scattering. Let what I do with what You have given result in thanksgiving to You on the part of others. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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Today's Theme: “Joyful Generosity—Abundance vs. Scarcity”

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Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: **CW 479 “Jesus, Your Boundless Love for Me”**

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Opening Verses

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession of Sins

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, 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. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

The Kyrie— The congregation and Pastor sing...

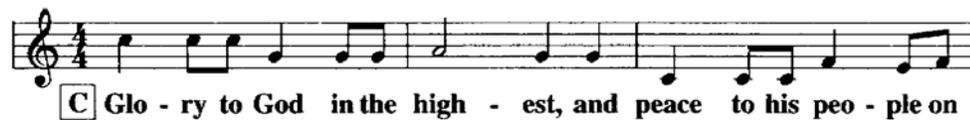
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Absolution

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

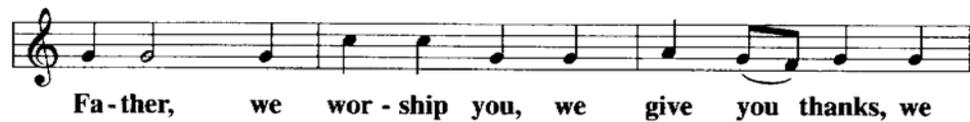
P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



[C] Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on



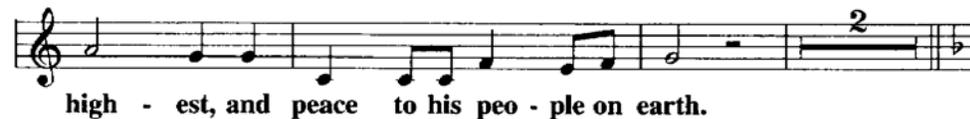
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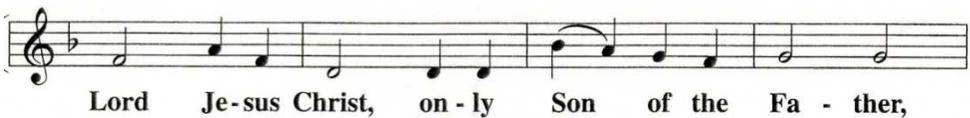
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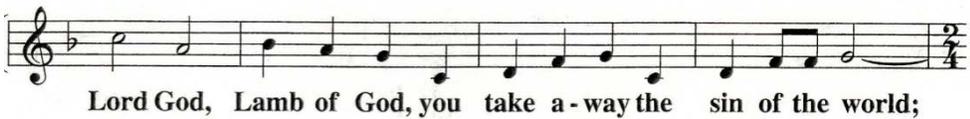
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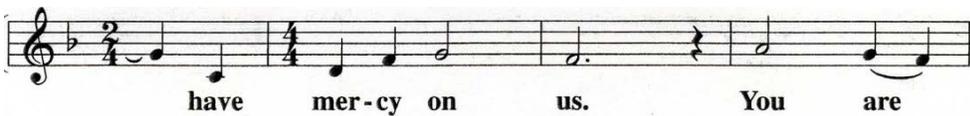
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. You are



seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re -



ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
 earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

The Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O merciful Creator, Your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for Your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the richness of Your grace, may be generous on every occasion, resulting in thanksgiving to God; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sit

The First Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (Paul wants the Corinthians to come at the project of helping famine stricken Jews in Jerusalem from the vantage point of abundance instead of scarcity.)

⁶Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And 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. ⁹As it is written:

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

¹⁰Now 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. ¹¹You 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)

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another. Alleluia. (John 1:16)

Stand

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



The Gospel Lesson: **Luke 18:18-25** (*The ruler who thought he had obeyed all the commandments couldn't get past the first one, because he had made money his idol. "Treasure in heaven" is the only kind of treasure that matters to God's people.*)

¹⁸ A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁹ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.'"

²¹ "All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said.

²² When Jesus heard this, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me."

²³ When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. ²⁴ Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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 Pila8te.
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 489 “Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver”

The Sermon

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

The musical score is written on six staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a square box containing the letter 'C'. The lyrics are: "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

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 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, and we praise You especially for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by His sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by His resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:



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.



O__ Christ, __ Lamb of God, __ you__



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your



peace. A - men. A - men.

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 715 “What Grace is This”

The Song of Simeon

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The lyrics are: '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.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

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: We give thanks, Lord our God, that in this sacrament You have again assured us of the forgiveness of our sins. Grant that the faith in our hearts may be demonstrated in the living out of our days, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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: CWS 749 "The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me"

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Berg / Bolzman

**Today— Communion Service at 9:30 AM
Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM
Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM**

Tuesday—Tone Chime Choir at 7:00 PM

Wednesday—Men's Bible Class at 11:30 AM

**Next Sunday—Worship Service at 9:30 AM
Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM
Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM**

Adult Bible class is covering a video series entitled "Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture." Today we will cover lesson three entitled "Not For Sale: Forgiveness in Christ Alone." Bible class meets in the café at 10:45 AM.

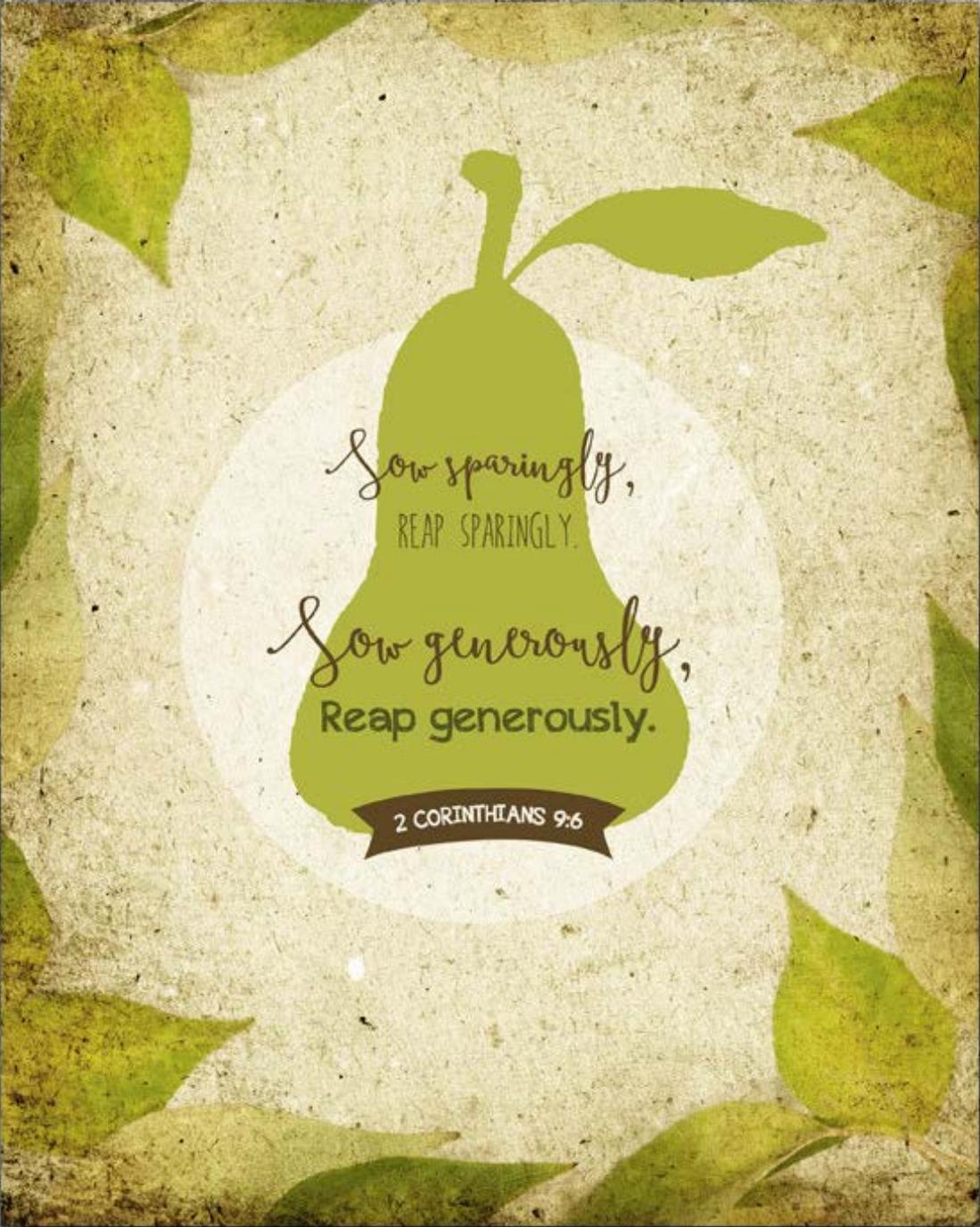
Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level.

The Tone Chime Choir will have its first rehearsal of the school year this coming Tuesday, September 26, at 7:00 PM. More ringers are needed! No experience necessary—come and give tone chimes a try!

A 55 passenger coach bus has been reserved for the Southeastern Wisconsin District Reformation Rally to be held at the Miller High Life Theatre in Milwaukee, WI on Sunday, November 5th. The service is at 3:30 PM. The bus will be shared with Christ the King in Palatine, and will leave the church parking lot at 1:30 PM. Sign up for a seat on the bus on the sign-up sheet in the lower level. No cost will be charged for the bus ride, but donations can be given to defray the cost.

Plans are being made for the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and New Life's 30th anniversary. The celebration will take place on Sunday, October 29th. Plans are in the works to have a German breakfast prior to the festival service. Rev. Jim Naumann, former pastor of Christ the King in Palatine, will be the guest preacher.

**Our Faithfulness to God's Word
Last Sunday—56**

A decorative sign featuring a central silhouette of a pear with a stem and two leaves. The sign is set against a light-colored, textured background with scattered green leaves. The text is arranged within the pear silhouette. The top part of the pear contains the text "Sow sparingly, REAP SPARINGLY." in a mix of cursive and sans-serif fonts. The bottom part of the pear contains the text "Sow generously, REAP generously." in a mix of cursive and sans-serif fonts. At the very bottom of the pear, a dark banner contains the text "2 CORINTHIANS 9:6" in white, all-caps, sans-serif font. The entire sign is mounted on a dark grey, weathered wooden plank background.

Sow sparingly,
REAP SPARINGLY.

Sow generously,
REAP generously.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6

