

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church Lake Zurich, IL

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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.

<p>Before Service Prayer: As we come before You today in worship, Father, we look back on the evil that has stained our lives and burdened our consciences, and we pray with David: "Cleanse me, and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice. Save me, O God, and my tongue will sing of Your righteousness." Amen.</p>
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Theme for Today's Service: The believer loves the lost like Christ. The righteous live by faith; yet how easy it is for the righteous to slip into self-righteous judgment of other sinners, forgetting the grace that has been shown them. Today Christ calls us to love the lost like He does and rejoice over every sinner that "once was lost, but now is found."

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 432 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

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

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

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.

After each of the prayers are sung by the first soloist, the second soloist will sing the first half of the response and the congregation will repeat what has just been sung. Kyrie (or Christe) eleison means, Lord, have mercy.

- Soloist:
- 1) Lord Jesus, You raise us to new life:
 - 2) Lord Jesus, You forgive us our sins:
 - 3) Lord Jesus, You feed us with Your body and blood:

1. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,
2. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,
3. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,

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le - i - son, Ky - ri - e.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: **Amen.**

Glory to God

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

Soloist sings the refrain. Congregation repeats the refrain and sings it again as indicated throughout the song. The soloist will sing the verses.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est!

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God

Last time to Coda ♪

in the high-est! Peace to his peo - ple on earth!

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. **(Refrain)**

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. **(Refrain)**

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. **(Refrain)**

Sing the final refrain twice. Conclude the second time by singing the Coda:

♪ Coda

Peace on earth!

Prayer of the Day

P & C: Lord, we pray that Your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson: Exodus 32:7-14 *(The account of the Golden Calf at Mt. Sinai illustrates humankind's total depravity. At the same time, we see Moses pleading for Israel. Rather than cheering on the Lord's divine retribution against the ungodly, we, like Moses, hold God to His promises of faithfulness to the lost and straying. In His mercy, the Lord restores the repentant heart and preserves His chosen people for eternity, even during the darkest of days.)*

⁷ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. ⁸ They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'

⁹ "I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰ Now leave Me alone so that My anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."

¹¹ But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. "LORD," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom You brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that He brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from Your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on Your people. ¹³ Remember Your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom You swore by Your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'" ¹⁴ Then the LORD relented and did not bring on His people the disaster He had threatened. (NIV 2011)

Gospel Acclamation:

The soloist sings the refrain first. The congregation repeats. The soloist sings the verses. Repeat the refrain as indicated.



Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening; You have the words of everlasting life. **(Refrain)**
Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life. **(Refrain)**
The word of God became flesh and lived with us. All who believe are children of God.
(Refrain)

The Gospel Lesson: **Luke 15:1-10** *(The difference between the truly righteous and the merely self-righteous can be seen in the attitude displayed by the Pharisees and the teachers of the law. The Savior of nations spent even His meal times with those clamoring to know His forgiveness, while His detractors condemned him for associating himself with such worthlessness. The temptation is to place the lost and straying on the irrecoverable list without making the effort to “seek and save.” The parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin describe not only the heavenly joy at a sinner’s repentance, but the priority placed on such a recovery mission. Jesus calls us to love the lost both because of their place in the flock and because of their intrinsic worth in the eyes of God.)*

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

⁸ “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰ In the same

way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (NIV 2011)

After the minister concludes the reading of the Gospel, he says:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C: **Praise be to You, O Christ!**

Hymn of the Day: CWS 750 “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

The Sermon

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.

The Offering

The Offertory

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 Holy Communion

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 right to give Him thanks and praise.

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:

Holy, Holy Holy

All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav - en 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 who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Words of Institution

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

C: Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
repeat as needed
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
repeat as needed
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, grant us peace.

Our Communion Practice

New Life Lutheran Church practices “close communion.” We ask that only members of New Life or other WELS churches partake of the sacrament. We ask our visitors to please respect our communion practice.

The Distribution Hymn: CW 304 “Jesus Sinners Does Receive”

Thanksgiving

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

C: And His mercy endures forever.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it You will strengthen our faith in You and increase our love for one another. Grant that the love You inspire may take the form of love and concern for the souls of others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The 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.

Closing Hymn: **CW 379 “Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound”**

Announcements

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Meister / Plautz

Today—Communion Service at 9:30 AM

First Day of Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Sunday School Round-up Picnic at Noon

Confirmation Class from 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Monday & Tuesday—Pastors’ Conference in Crown Point, IN

Tuesday—Branch Connection at 7:00 PM

Wednesday—Men’s Bible Class at Noon

Next Sunday—Worship Service at 9:30 AM
Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:45 AM
Confirmation Class from 6:00 – 7:30 PM

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 sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to reserve a spot on a charter bus for the Reformation Rally on October 30, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Chicago. The bus will leave the church parking lot at approximately 2 PM on that day. The service is at 4:00 PM and the meal is at 5:30 PM.

Friends of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary – On Saturday, Oct. 1, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary will host *Friends of the Seminary Day*. This annual event provides WELS members an opportunity to visit the beautiful seminary campus and learn more about the seminary's work. The day begins with fellowship and breakfast snacks at 8:00 a.m. Worship follows at 9:00 a.m. Activities include presentations by students and faculty members, guided tours of the campus, and a noon meal. A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to attend. A fifteen passenger van will be reserved to take people to and from the Seminary for the morning activities.

TODAY we will be having a picnic meal at noon as part of our Sunday School Round-up. A bouncy house has been set up in the church lawn and can be enjoyed by the kids. Everyone, including our visitors, are welcome to stay for this fun-filled fellowship event!

The Branch Connection has moved their meeting night to TUESDAY. The ladies will meet this Tuesday at 7:00 PM and will begin their meeting with a short Bible study.

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