

# 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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## **Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 8, 2017 “Joyful Generosity—Joyful and Generous”**

*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:** Almighty God our Father, Your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of Your Spirit lead us to acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**Today's Theme:** Joyful and Generous

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**Pastor's Welcome**

**Opening Hymn:** CW 484 “**Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly**”

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



C: A - men.

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.**



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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.



C: A - men.

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.

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: A - men.

*The First Lesson: 1 Chronicles 29:1-9 (David knows how to build a house. He leads by example. He urges the people to follow. Joint generosity results in the rejoicing of David and the people.)*

<sup>1</sup> Then King David said to the whole assembly: “My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God. <sup>2</sup> With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities. <sup>3</sup> Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple: <sup>4</sup> three thousand talents of gold (gold of Ophir) and seven thousand talents of refined silver, for the overlaying of the walls of the buildings, <sup>5</sup> for the gold work and the silver work, and for all the work to be done by the craftsmen. Now, who is willing to consecrate themselves to the LORD today?”

<sup>6</sup> Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king’s work gave willingly. <sup>7</sup> They gave toward the work on the temple of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze and a hundred thousand talents of iron. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of the LORD in the custody of Jehiel the Gershonite. <sup>9</sup> The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly. (NIV 2011)

Choir Selection: “Seek Ye First”

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*The Gospel: Luke 6:37-38 (Jesus gives the general rule, “With the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” However, Christians are not generous with the goal of returned generosity. Christians are generous because Christ has poured into our laps His generous love.)*

<sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” (NIV 2011)

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



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 489 “Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver”

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.

*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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Christ, Lamb of God". It consists of five staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C:'. The lyrics are: "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." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

*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.

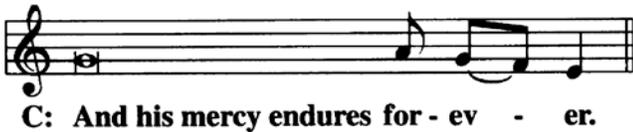
*The Distribution Hymn:* CW 310 “I Come, O Savior, to Your Table”

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: CW 317 "O Lord, We Praise You" (A hymn by Martin Luther.)

Announcements

## Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

*Cleaning this Week: Sarvady*

**Today— Communion Service at 9:30 AM**

**Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM**

**NO Confirmation Class** (Columbus Day Weekend)

**Monday—**Pastor's Circuit Meeting in Round Lake at 9:30 AM

*NO Preschool--Columbus Day*

**Tuesday—**LADIES NIGHT OUT at La Hacienda in Deer Park 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 five entitled "Forgiven But Not Perfect: Saint and Sinner." 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.

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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation and New Life's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The celebration will take place on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Plans are in the works to have a German breakfast prior to the festival service. John Landenberger has provided a suggested menu for the breakfast on the bulletin board in the basement. Rev. Jim Naumann, former pastor of Christ the King in Palatine, will be the guest preacher.

The Branch Connection is hosting a "Ladies Night Out" on **Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 PM at La Hacienda Restaurant in Deer Park**. This is a great opportunity for the women of New Life to come together for fun and fellowship! Please sign up on the sheet in the lower level and plan to attend!

Jim Smith has been appointed to fill out a two-year vacancy on the church council. Jim will serve out the rest of the fiscal year as Fellowship Chairman.

Adopt-a-Highway will happen on Sunday, October 22 at noon. Members from New Life head over to an assigned stretch of Long Grove Road to pick up trash. A lunch will be served prior to the clean-up.

Outdoor clean-up day will happen on Saturday, October 21 at 9:00 AM. At outdoor clean-up day the property is prepared for winter by chopping down the summer growth. In addition, the stumps of dead trees will be ground down. There will also be a host of other jobs, both indoor and outdoor. Outdoor clean-up day will end by noon.

Fall WLCFS Educational Presentations—

**Let Us Put on the Lens of Gratitude!—  
Wednesday, October 18th at 7:00 PM**



Presented by: Jessica Randazzo

Description: As the school year has shifted into full swing and the hustle and bustle in our lives only increases, it is easy to lose our lens of gratitude. I phrase “gratitude” as a lens here because “gratitude” is an attitude that we have the power to “put on” and “take off,” just like a pair of eyeglasses. Like a person with impaired vision, we oftentimes lose a grateful perspective in which we view the world, therefore altering how we see and experience life.

But when a person with impaired vision puts on a pair of eyeglasses to enhance their vision, WOW! The world, and everything in it, is seen with much more joy, appreciation, and clarity. The same goes for gratitude: gratitude is an attitude, practice, and way of life. When we view the world through a lens of gratitude and actively and intentionally focus on cultivating joy in every day circumstances, we experience life and God's blessings on a whole new level.

But with a day that only contains 24 hours and an endless list of obligations and rolls to manage, how do we actively keep our lens of gratitude in place? Here are some tips to keep gratitude at the forefront of our lives.

