

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 entryway 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 entryway. 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 that is wired directly to the fire department.

Before Service Prayer: Dear Lord, we thank You for the care and protection of the past night and for the gift of this new day. We thank You for calling us to be members of Your body, the holy Christian church, and for the fellowship we have with all Your followers in this body throughout the world. Help us see more clearly the unity we all have in You, which You have given us through Your Holy Spirit. Help us follow Your example of love for all people. Help us speak the truth in love to our fellow Christians, and help us listen to them with all humility, so that we all may together grow up into You, the Head of the one body. Amen.

Today's Service: *Service of Word and Sacrament, NPH; used with permission under the OneLicense.net copyright agreement #A-800156 and under CCLI license #1132777.*

Today's Theme: Real wealth is found in heavenly treasure. Earthly riches are not a reward for doing good, but rather an opportunity to do good.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 478 "With the Lord Begin Your Task"

Invocation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Confession and Absolution

P: God invites us to come into His presence and worship Him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask Him to forgive us.

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.

C: Amen.

The Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all Your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from Your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



P: For the well-being of Your holy church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by Your power and keep us in Your tender care:



P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; His name is worthy of praise!



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



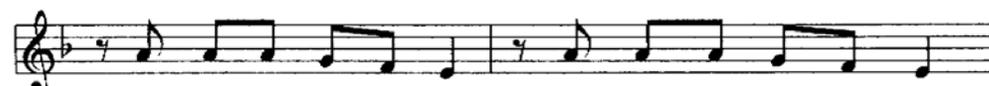
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: Mercifully grant, O God, that whether during our lives here on earth, we receive good things or face poverty, in the end we may, by Your grace, through the saving work of Your Son, receive the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: A - men.

The First Lesson: **REVELATION 2:8-11** *(To the church in Smyrna: Here is comfort for the faithful who find themselves on the side of the poor and oppressed. In spite of physical poverty and persecution, lasting wealth is found only in Jesus, our priceless treasure. He has guaranteed for the faithful a “crown of life.”)*

⁸“To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These are the words of Him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. ⁹I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.

¹¹ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death. (NIV 2011)

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia. (Philippians 2:10, 11 cf. NIV)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

Gospel Lesson: LUKE 16:19-31 (The rich man loved his wealth more than doing the will of the Lord: helping those in need. Hoarding of wealth for one's own pampering manifests the poverty of one's soul. In a heartbeat, the greedy will go from extravagance to begging for mercy. But it is too late. Not even their wealth will buy them relief. Here is also comfort for the righteous poor. Though not blessed with wealth in this life, they will have good things forever in paradise.)

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

²⁵ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

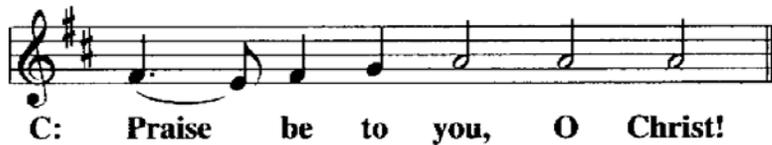
²⁷ “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

²⁹ “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

³⁰ “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹ “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’” (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Be seated

Hymn of the Day: CW 477 “What is The World to Me”

The Sermon

Stand

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.

Be Seated

The Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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 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 declared that in mercy God has provided everything that is needed for our soul's salvation, the words of Moses and the prophets, the writing of the apostles and evangelists and the gospel in the form of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of six staves of music in C major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo - ry. You are my God, and I will ex - alt you. I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal - va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo - ry." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb).

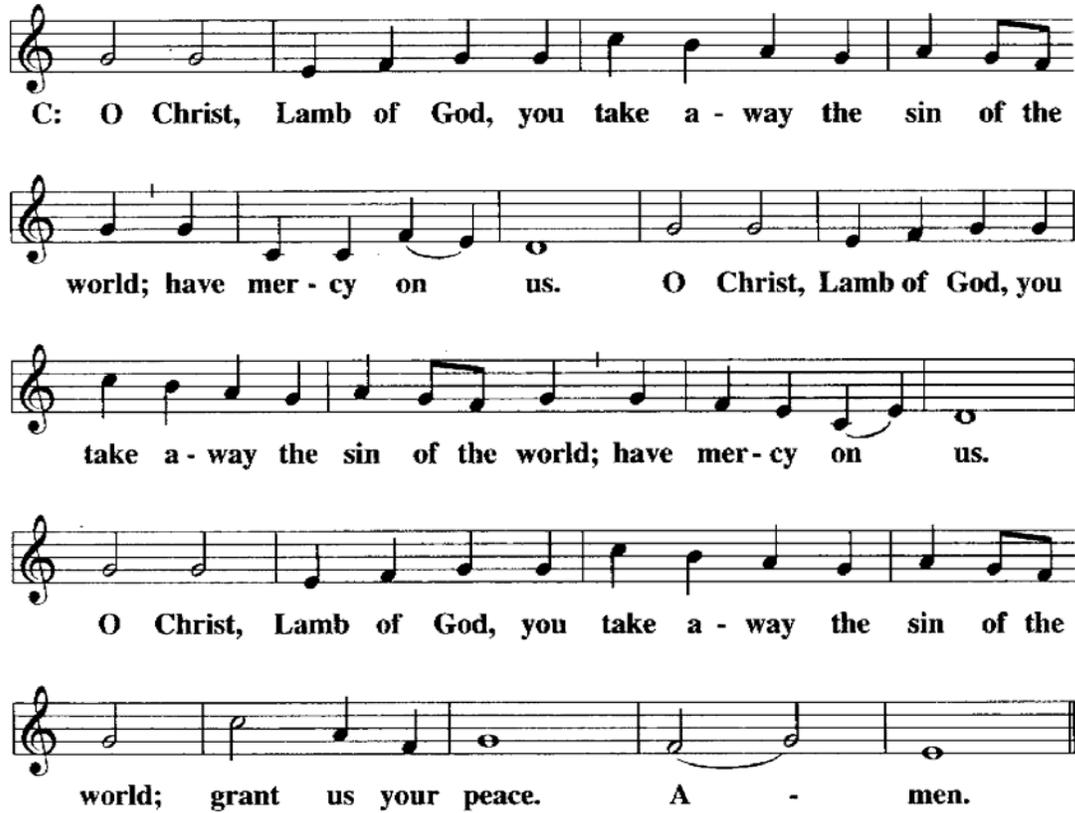
Words of Institution

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

C: A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the "Words of Institution". It consists of a single staff of music in C major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "A - men." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb).

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.

Be seated

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: CWS 742 “What Is This Bread?”

Thank the Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: We give You thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that You give us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. We pray that through this precious gift of Yourself You would feed our faith, nourish our hope, and strengthen our love that we may live as Your people now and as Your guests forever at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - - men.

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



Closing Hymn: CW 329 “Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

Announcements

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week
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Cleaning this Week: Berg / Bolzman

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

Tuesday—Tone Chimes at 7:00 PM

Wednesday—**NO** Men’s Bible Class

Saturday—Friends of the Seminary Day (**be ready to leave church at 6:45 AM**)

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. There will be five additional buses, besides the one stopping at New Life, that will be converging on St. Andrew. At the present time, bus passengers alone will comprise around 300 people at the rally.

The new flagpole and flag on the church property is a gift from Roger and Joyce Nicklaus in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary. A week ago Friday Roger raised the flag for the first time as the four-year-old preschoolers said the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you to Roger and Joyce, and congratulations!

The Branch Connection is hosting a **LADIES NIGHT OUT** at Oregano's Corner Café on the NW corner of Midlothian and Gilmer Rds. in Hawthorn Woods on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 PM. ALL ladies of New Life are welcome to attend! Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the lower level.

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.



**Our Faithfulness to God's Word
Last Sunday—65**