

*New Life Ev. Lutheran Church
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**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 16, 2017
“When People Leave”**

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

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. Into Your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen. (*Luther's Morning Prayer*)

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Today's Bulletin Cover: Orpah leaving Naomi and Ruth by Abraham Yakin

Today's Theme: Death has taken from Ruth her husband and two sons. Now one of her daughters-in-law deserts her as well. People leave. Today, let's consider how the Christian adjusts in order to move on toward the goal of the Promise Land.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CWS 765 “Day by Day”

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, asking for forgiveness in Jesus' name.

Pastor: Almighty God and Father,

People: we confess to You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You and one another. We cling to the things of this world for meaning. We search for security in things that are here today and gone tomorrow. We crave things that are physical and ignore the eternal, as well as the needs of those around us. O God, for Jesus' sake, forgive us for our failures and faithlessness. Renew and restore us by the power of Your Spirit, leading us to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness.

Pastor: People of God, we come into this world with nothing, and we leave it in the same way. Everything we have in this life is a gift from God, especially God's forgiveness and acceptance which brings us here today. At the command of Christ and through the power of His cross, I forgive you of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, as we walk the long journey to the promised land, we sadly experience abandonment and watch as others refuse to walk with us, and as a result, become disheartened and discouraged. In times like this, remind us that even if we walk alone through life, You have promised to be our constant companion and declared that You will never leave us or forsake us, but will ultimately bring us safely home. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.



The First Lesson: Ruth 1:6-14

⁶ When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. ⁷ With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

⁸ Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. ⁹ May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.”

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud ¹⁰ and said to her, “We will go back with you to your people.”

¹¹ But Naomi said, “Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? ¹² Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— ¹³ would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD’s hand has turned against me!”

¹⁴ At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. (NIV 2011)

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 116:1 (CW 470)

**Praise to You and adoration, Blessed Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve Your own creation, Came to share our flesh and blood.
Guide me that I never may From Your fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding Follow where Your steps are leading.**

**Hold me ever in Your keeping; Comfort me in pain and strife.
In my laughter and my weeping Be with me throughout my life.
Give me greater love for You, And my faith and hope renew
In Your birth, Your life and passion In Your death and resurrection.**

The Second Lesson: Acts 13:13; 15:36-41

¹³From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem.

³⁶Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.” ³⁷Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, ³⁸but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. ³⁹They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, ⁴⁰but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. ⁴¹He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches. (NIV 2011)

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” Alleluia. (John 6:68)

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!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" followed by "These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that" and "Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God." and finally "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!". The music is written in a simple, melodic style suitable for congregational singing.

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The Gospel Lesson: John 6:60-69

⁶⁰On hearing it, many of His disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

⁶¹Aware that His disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where He was before! ⁶³The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray Him. ⁶⁵He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

⁶⁶From this time many of His disciples turned back and no longer followed Him.

⁶⁷“You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and to know that You are the Holy One of God.” (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Hymn of the Day: CW 418 “My God Will Never Leave Me”

The Sermon

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.

P: Almighty God, we thank You for teaching us the things You want us to believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to keep Your word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



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

The Closing Hymn: CWS 761 “Christ Is With Me”

The Announcements

Our Father’s Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Bauer / Spangle

Today— Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Israel Tour Informational Meeting after Fellowship

Tuesday—Outreach at 7:00 PM

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

Bible Class in the Basement at 7:00 PM

Thursday—VBS Staff and Craft Meeting at 7:00 PM

Next Sunday— Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Long Range Planning Meeting at 10:45 AM

First Day of Training Camp

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 Pregnancy Counseling Center in Mundelein has recently received generous donations of “stuff,” but needs operating funds. Sheila Berg would like your help in raising some funds for the Center. After church the next couple of Sundays, she will be handing out baby bottles to all who want to participate. Fill the bottles with loose change and return the bottles to Sheila by Sunday, July 30th. NMB will match all donations dollar for dollar. An ice cream social will then wrap up the campaign on that day in the fellowship hall.

A VBS staff and craft meeting will be held on Thursday, July 20th at 7:00 PM.

Summer Bible class is being held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. The class is studying the book of Galatians.

Training Camp will be held during the week of July 23rd. If you'd like, you can mail a letter to one or all of the children attending camp. The five children attending camp from New Life are: Seann, Jack and Aubrey O'Mara and Jacob and Jadon Irabagon. You can address the mail to:

Training Camp at YMCA Camp Duncan

Attn: (child's name)

32405 North Highway 12

Ingleside, IL 60041

A Long Range Planning Meeting will take place next Sunday, July 23rd, after church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

Israel Tour Informational Meeting

Pastor Bauer will offer a brief informational meeting concerning a tour to Israel he is leading in June of 2018 TODAY, Sunday, July 16, immediately following fellowship. Pastor already has 7 people who have committed to the tour. No cost or obligation to attend the meeting which will last ½ hour.



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