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...rooted in the word, growing in faith, reaching out to our uprooted world.

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**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Courageous Living in Turbulent Times Part 4
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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.

Before Service Prayer: Almighty God, You have given us this good land as a gift. Make us always remember Your generosity. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Make us who came from many nations with many different languages a united people. Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in You fail. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Today's Theme: On the weekend we give thanks to God for the blessings we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America. We also understand, and more and more anticipate,

there may come a time when saying “no” to our earthly government in order to remain true to our Christian faith may become necessary.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 620 “To You, Our God, We Fly”

Invocation

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

Congregation: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us draw near to God and confess our sins to our heavenly Father. We confess to You, O Lord, that we have thought, said, and done what is wrong, and for the good we have not done.

C: Lord, have mercy on us.

P: We confess to You, O Lord, that we have lived as if You did not matter and have not used Your name in a way that honors You.

C: Lord, have mercy on us.

P: We confess to You, O Lord, that we have taken Your name in vain and failed to speak boldly and faithfully of Your saving works to those still in darkness and the shadow of death.

C: Lord, have mercy on us.

P: We confess to You, O Lord, that our worship and prayers have faltered, and we have allowed distraction and temptation to steal our attention from Your Word.

C: Lord, have mercy on us.

P: We confess to You, O Lord, that we have not let Your love have its way with us, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves.

C: Lord, have mercy on us.

P: We confess to You, O Lord, that we have hurt others and failed to help those in need.

C: Lord, have mercy on us.

P: Have mercy on us, O Lord, forgive us all our sins, and grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may amend our sinful lives.

C: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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: 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.

Almighty God, in Your kindness You cause the light of the Gospel to shine among us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, help us to share the Good News of Your salvation that all who hear it may rejoice in the gift of Your unending love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-6 (First, God gives the reason for obeying the Ten Commandments—He has been gracious to Israel by saving them and considers them His people. Then, in the First Commandment, God forbids idolatry.)

¹ And God spoke all these words:

² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ “You shall have no other gods before Me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me,⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments. (NIV 2011)



Psalm of the Day: Psalm 124 (CW 202--a hymn version)

**If God had not been on our side
And had not come to aid us,
Our foes with all their pow'r and pride
Would surely have dismayed us,
For we, His flock, would have to fear
The devil's wolves, both far and near,
Who rise in might against us.**

**Their furious wrath, did God permit,
Would surely have consumed us
And as a deep and yawning pit
With life and limb entombed us.
A hellish storm would o'er us roll
From Satan, who desires our soul
And seeks to overwhelm us.**

**Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat
That they could not devour us.
Our souls, like birds, escaped their net;
They could not overpow'r us.
The snare is broken--we are free!
Our helper and our strength is He
Who made the earth and heavens. (tune CW 72)**

The Second Lesson: Acts 5:27-32 (Peter and the other apostles were commanded by those in authority to "stop preaching about Jesus." But Jesus Himself commanded them to preach the good news to all creation. When it came to obeying earthly authority versus obeying heavenly authority, the choice was clear for the apostles.)

²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging Him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted Him to His own right hand as Prince and Savior that He might bring

Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.” (NIV 2011)

Verse of the Day Alleluia. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples. Alleluia. (Ps. 96:3)



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 musical score consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff has the lyrics 'These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that'. The third staff has the lyrics 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.'. The fourth staff concludes with 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'.

Stand

The Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 4:8-11** (The third major temptation the devil placed before Jesus was to commit idolatry. The One who stood with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fire, protecting them from harm, stood firm against the devil's temptation and obeyed perfectly in our place.)

⁸ Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ “All this I will give You,” he said, “if You will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from Me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.’”

¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and angels came and attended Him. (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Hymn of the Day: CW 618 “Before the Lord We Bow”

The Sermon Text: Daniel 3:16-18

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and He will deliver us from your majesty’s hand. ¹⁸ But even if He does not, we want you to know, your majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.” (NIV 2011)

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 Children’s Sermon

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, since You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us unto Yourself, grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the Good News of Your salvation that all who hear may receive the gift of salvation; 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.



The Closing Hymn: CW 474 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: LaPlante

Today—Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Monday—*Independence Day*

Tuesday—Church Council at 7:00 PM

Thursday—Worship Committee meeting at 10:00 AM
Bible Class in the Basement at 7:00 PM

Friday—Men's Bible Class at Noon

Next Sunday—Communion Service at 9:30 AM
Voters' Meeting at 10:45 AM
Church Picnic at Noon

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.

John Lester has posted the VBS registration form on New Life's website at <http://newlife-wels.org/vbs.htm> VBS is first and foremost for the kids of New Life. The easiest way to register your child / children for VBS is via the website.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! New Life's annual Voters' Meeting and Church Picnic will be held on NEXT SUNDAY, July 10th at 10:45 AM!

** Burgers, brats and hotdogs will be served. Please bring a salad, side or dessert to share. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the lower level.

Our Faithfulness to God's Word Last Sunday—71

