

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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The Day of Pentecost May 28, 2023

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 lower level 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 fellowship hall 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. The service is also simulcast on the church's Facebook page.

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. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

<u>Before Service Prayer</u>: Almighty God, it was during Pentecost that You sent the Holy Spirit to open up the hearts and minds of the apostles so that they might be strengthened in faith and that they might grow in confidence to take Your saving message throughout the world. We pray that the Holy Spirit might continue to come into our hearts and minds today through word and sacrament, to strengthen our faith and to enable us to share Your saving message with those who do not yet know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Today's Theme: HE LIVES TO POUR OUT HIS SPIRIT

Fifty days after the Passover, God's Old Testament people celebrated Pentecost (Greek for "fifty"). Pentecost commemorated the gathering of the harvest and was also used to remember the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai, the start of the Church of Israel. Christ chose Pentecost to be the birthday of His New Testament Church too. By pouring out His Holy Spirit, Christ empowered the Church to gather in the great harvest of souls won by the Son.

Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church, along with the Nativity and the Resurrection. The early church fathers mention the Festival of Pentecost often enough to lead many to believe it was celebrated annually already at the time of the apostles. Pentecost closes the fifty-day period after Easter and ends the festival half of the church year. The Church dresses in red this day to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit's gift, as well as the blood of the martyrs which was the seed of the Church.

Pastor's Welcome

Invocation

Pastor: On the Day of Pentecost, we begin in the name of our triune God, which was placed on us at our Baptism.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, **People: who created us.**

Pastor: In the name of the Son, **People: who redeemed us.**

Pastor: In the name of the Holy Spirit, **People: who sanctifies us.**

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, **People: fill the hearts of the faithful**,

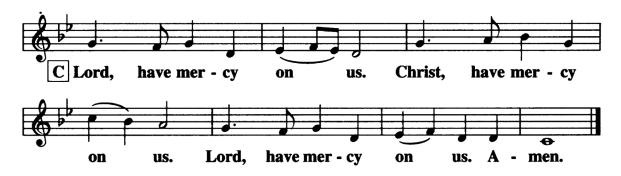
Pastor: and kindle in them the fire of Your love. **People: Alleluia!**

Confession

Pastor: The psalmist prays and confesses, saying: People: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me. For Your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Pastor: These words of confession are our prayer too. In repentant faith, we acknowledge our sin. We ask that the Lord look upon us--who are by nature sinful and unclean—and remember His steadfast love. We repent of our great guilt and ask that the Lord would pardon it for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ. **People:** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.

The Kyrie— The congregation and Pastor sing...



Absolution

Pastor: According to His steadfast love, the Lord remembers you and has mercy upon you. As a called and ordained 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.

People: Amen.

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

Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever, Day when the Holy Ghost shone in the world with His grace.

Lo, in the likeness of fire, on those who await His appearing He whom the Lord had foretold suddenly, swiftly descends.

Refrain:

Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever, Day when the Holy Ghost shone in the world with His grace.

Forth from the Father He comes with heavenly wisdom and courage, Pouring upon the new church pow'r to proclaim and baptize.

Refrain:

Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever, Day when the Holy Ghost shone in the world with His grace.

Hear how in myriad tongues Christ's own, His chosen apostles, Preach to the ends of the earth Christ and His wonderful works.

Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever, Day when the Holy Ghost shone in the world with His grace.

See the communion of saints increase through the gospel of Jesus. Praise to the Spirit of life; praise to the Spirit of pow'r!

Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever, Day when the Holy Ghost shone in the world with His grace. (CW 179)

The Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray. O God,

People: on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation;

People: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

<u>*The First Lesson:*</u> Acts 2:1-8; 11b-21 – In the Old Testament, God poured out His Spirit onto the prophets so they could reveal His will. On Pentecost, Jesus poured His Spirit onto the Church so they could proclaim His gospel to the world.

Pastor: When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked:

People: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

Pastor: Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, **People: "What does this mean?"**

Pastor: Some, however, made fun of them and said, **People: "They have had too much wine."**

Pastor: Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:" 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on My servants, both men and women, I will pour out My Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' (NIV 2011)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**



O Lord, open my lips,* and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;* you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;* a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure heart, O God,* and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence* or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,* and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,* and sinners will turn back to you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

<u>*The Second Lesson:*</u> 1 Corinthians 12:3-11 – When God pours out His Spirit it is not only for the benefit of the individual believer. God gives His Spirit to us so that we might be of benefit to the entire Church.

³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and He distributes them to each one, just as He determines. (NIV 2011)

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<u>Gospel Acclamation</u>: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

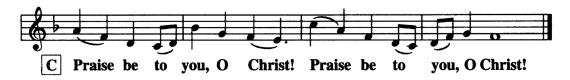
<u>*The Gospel Lesson:*</u> John 7:37-39 – Jesus promised that those who were spiritually thirsty would be filled with living water. Jesus kept this promise when He poured out His Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to Me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in Me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." ³⁹ By this He meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



The Apostle's 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.

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

Hymn of the Day: CW 588 "Come, O Come, Life-Giving Spirit" (CW93 181)

The Sermon

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



The Offering

The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord's Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life's website.



The Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Praise to You, Holy Spirit. We worship and glorify You as the Lord and the giver of life. As You were present at the beginning of the world to shed life on all created things, as You gave a new life of understanding to the disciples in Your Pentecost baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word, You have made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. In thanksgiving for Your gifts to us, we confess:

People: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, all-seeing Counselor and fountain of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful flesh. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of Your word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus, where there is forgiveness for all.

People: In this Christian Church He daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, highest comfort in every need, in these gray and last days of the world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, encourage our fearful hearts. Remind us of Your Word and promises: "Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you." And in Your final, mighty, creative act, O Holy Spirit, raise up our bodies so that we, together with all the saints, may lift up our heads and with glorified eyes see our Savior drawing near.

People: On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in **Christ.** This is most certainly true. Amen. (From Luther's explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed.)

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.

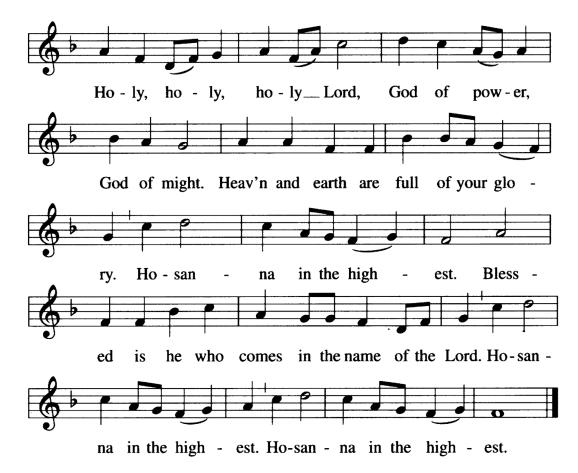
The Sacrament

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **People: It is good and right so to do.**

Pastor: 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 on this day kept His promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower His Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:



The Words of Institution (spoken by the pastor)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **People: Amen.**



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 477 "O Day Full of Grace" (CW93 254)



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. **People: And His mercy endures forever.**

Pastor: 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. 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. **People: Amen.**

The Benediction

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, **People: fill the hearts of the faithful,**

Pastor: and kindle in them the fire of Your love. **People: Alleluia!**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. (*Numbers 6:24–26*)

People: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: CW 591 "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace" (CW93 185)

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Bauer / Spangle

Today—The Festival of Pentecost Communion Service at 9:30 AM Fellowship at 10:30 AM Jadon Irabagon examination in the New Life Café at 10:45 AM
Monday—Memorial Day
Tuesday—Last day of three-year-old preschool and Little Sprouts
Wednesday—Last day of four-year-old preschool
Sunday—Trinity Sunday / Confirmation Sunday Divine Service at 9:30 AM Confirmation reception in the fellowship hall at 10:30 AM

CONFIRMATION

New Life's lone confirmand—Jadon Irabagon—will be examined after the service today and confirmed on June 4.

FELLOWSHIP

A new fellowship sheet has been posted. If you'd like to bring something to eat and drink after the service on Sunday, use the sign-up sheet to reserve a Sunday.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

You can watch last Sunday's preschool program on New Life's Facebook page.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

New Life thanks Rachel Andrews and Susan Sarvady for once again being willing to teach our children the precious truths about Jesus this past school year. New Life also thanks those who substitute taught.

TRAINING CAMP 2023

Training Camp 2023 | July 16th – July 21st | A Lutheran Youth Summer Camp in Ingleside, IL. Are you looking for a youth summer camp for 2023? Consider registering for Training Camp! Training Camp is a Lutheran youth camp in Ingleside, IL. Camp is for youth who will be entering 3rd – 9th grade in the fall. Campers will be involved in daily devotions and Bible studies, arts and crafts, hiking, boating, tower climbing, blobbing, swimming, singing and much more. Camp costs \$450 for the week. Registration and more information may be found at www.smniles.org/summer-camp. You are encouraged to reach out to Pastor Spaude with questions at paul.spaude@smniles.org or (847) 800-1051. Check us out on Facebook by searching for "Training Camp WELS."

PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTER IN MUNDELEIN

The months of May and June celebrate mothers and fathers and their children. Our WELS churches have a special ministry toward that end in our Pregnancy & Life Resources office/clothes closet in Mundelein. The appreciation we get from our clients is so heartwarming and knowing how much we really help their families is what keeps us going. We need your continued financial support to keep our doors open for their spiritual and material needs. Other needs are diapers, mainly sizes 4-6, and wipes. And we are in dire need of additional receptionists. It's easy and fun, and even 2 or 3 hours a month will help. Donation checks can be made out to WELS Lutherans for Life and mailed to 359 Cambridge Dr., Grayslake, IL 60030. Call our office at 847-949-4443, leave a message with any comments/questions and we will get back to you.

LADY'S NIGHT OUT

The Branch Connection is planning a Lady's Night Out trivia night for Tuesday, June 6 at Bobbers in Lake Zurich. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.





New Life Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School

<u>When</u>: July 24-28 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
<u>Who</u>: Kids who are three year old through eighth grade
<u>Where</u>: 910 S. Old Rand Road, Lake Zurich, IL
<u>Cost</u>: There is no cost or obligation
<u>Register</u>: Go to www.newlife.wels.org to register online