



**In their hearts humans  
PLAN  
their course,  
but the Lord establishes their  
STEPS**

– Proverbs 16:9

# 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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## A Time for Everything—A Time to Plan November 19, 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.

Before Service Prayer: I thank You, My heavenly Father, for making it possible for me to carry out my plan today. I planned to get up, get ready, get in my car in order to get to church. I sit here, prior to the divine service, because You blessed my plans and made them possible. Do the same as I plan to sing Your praise, to confess my sin, to be forgiven by You, to listen carefully as Your word is read and preached, to give You my best in time and attention and to offer You my prayers. I plan to do all of this in the coming hour and ask that You would "establish my steps," in other words, make all of this come true. Amen.

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### As We Gather:      **A TIME TO PLAN**

Often, life seems to be spinning out of control, and we try to hang on for dear life, not knowing when the wild ride will end. Attempting to chart a course for our life often seems impossible, since we can't predict the future. But planning the use of our gift of time is possible, and profitable, as long as it is done with the caveat that in the end, the gracious plans our Lord has for us will always take precedence over our own personal plans.

### Pastor's Welcome

**HYMN**            **CW 807** "All Depends on Our Possessing" (CW93 421)

## **INVOCATION**

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

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

*2 Timothy 1:9-10*

**Pastor:**            He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of His own purpose and grace.

**People:**            **This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus,**

**Pastor:**            Who has destroyed death

**People:**            **And has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*1 John 1:8–9*

**Pastor:**            That victory remains ours by a God-given faith and hope. That hope is kept alive as we daily repent of our sins and remain in the promises of God. For, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People:**            **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

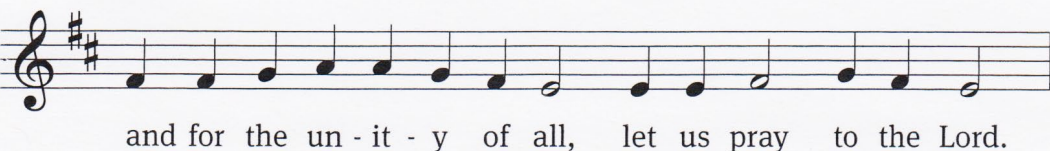
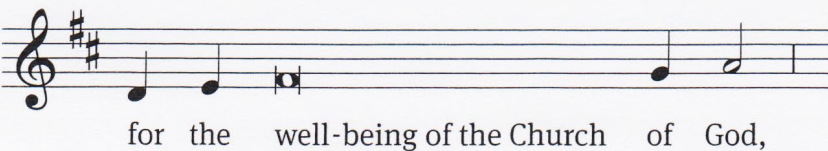
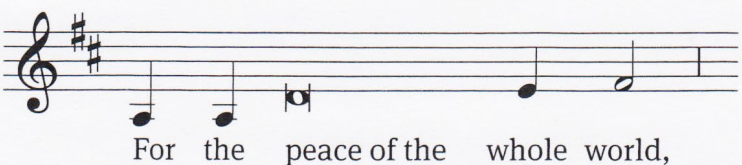
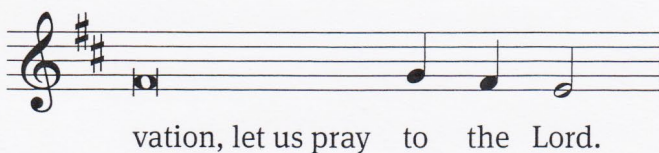
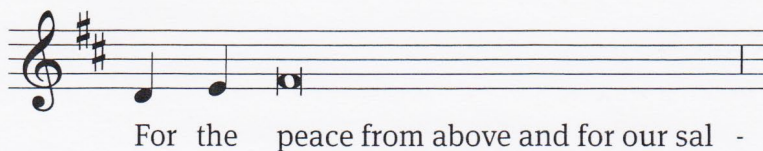
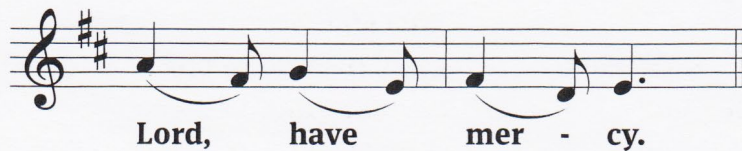
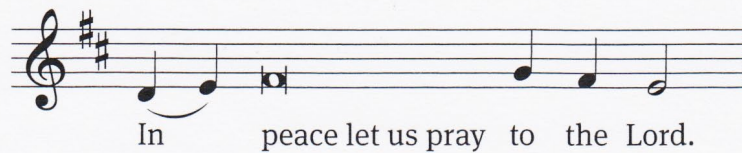
**Pastor:**            Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People:**            **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are afraid of losing hope. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, risen from the dead for the life of the world, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

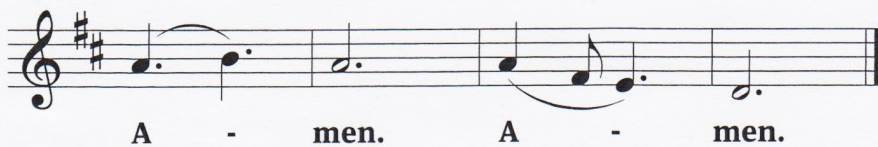
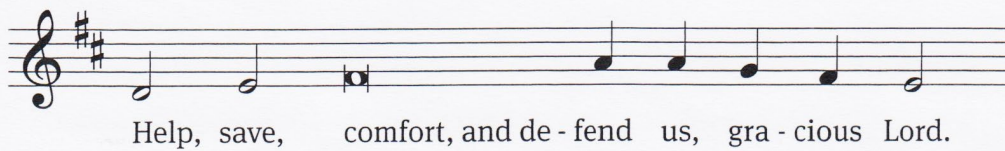
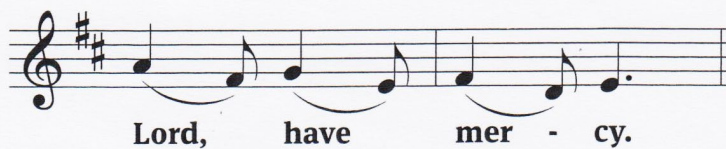
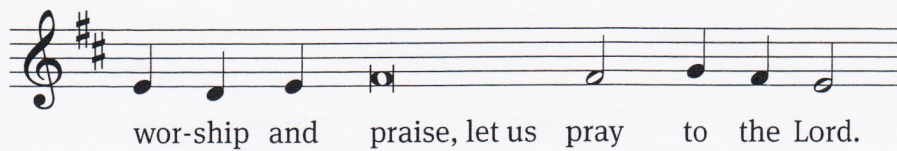
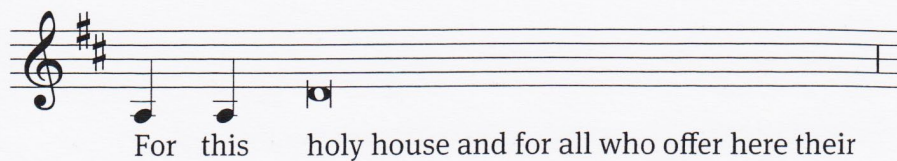
**Pastor:**            Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**            **Amen.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY** (The congregation sings the words in bold print.)





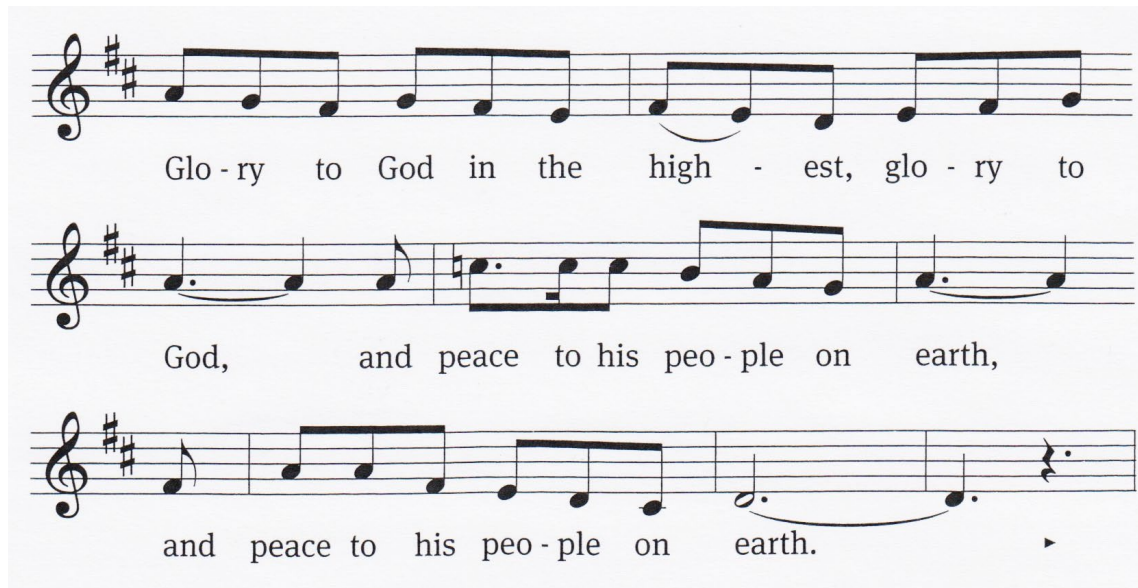


And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

Job  
1:21

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Pastor: In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord! *(Sing as much of the song of praise as you like.)*



Soloist: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise you for Your glory.

**All: Refrain.**

Soloist: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

**All: Refrain.**

Soloist: For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**All: Refrain.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.  
Almighty God, at the beginning of time You planned Your creation and brought it about by Your almighty word. Direct our plans and so order our lives so that Your good and gracious will might be accomplished in our midst to the glory of Your name. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST LESSON

#### Job 1:6-22

Job had a wonderful life, earthly speaking. But God had other plans. When all Job's plans went haywire, he could only have one response: trust. When our plans go haywire . . . "May the name of the Lord be praised!"

<sup>6</sup> One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. <sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it."

<sup>8</sup> Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

<sup>9</sup> "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. <sup>10</sup> "Have You not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. <sup>11</sup> But now stretch out Your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face."

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger."

Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, <sup>14</sup> a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, <sup>15</sup> and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>16</sup> While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>17</sup> While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>18</sup> While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, <sup>19</sup> when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>20</sup> At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship <sup>21</sup> and said:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,  
and naked I will depart.

The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;  
may the name of the LORD be praised."

<sup>22</sup> In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing. (NIV 2011)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**                      **Psalm 145**    God is faithful in all his plans. (CWS 754)

**I will exalt my God and King, and I will ever praise Your name.  
I will extol You ev'ry day and evermore Your praise proclaim.  
You, LORD, are greatly to be praised; Your greatness is beyond all thought.  
From age to age Your people tell the mighty wonders You have wrought.**

**The LORD our God is rich in grace, both tender and compassionate.  
His anger is most slow to rise; His love and kindness are most great.  
The LORD is good in all His ways; His creatures know His constant care.  
To all His works His love extends; all creatures in His mercies share.**

**All You have made will praise You, LORD; Your mighty acts Your saints will show,  
Till all the peoples on the earth the splendor of Your kingdom know.  
Eternal is Your kingdom, LORD, forever strong and ever sure;  
While generations rise and die, Your glorious reign will still endure.**

**EPISTLE**                      **James 4:13-17**    All plans have this caveat: *If* the Lord wills. We trust and submit to God's good and gracious will.

<sup>13</sup> Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." <sup>14</sup> Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. <sup>15</sup> Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." <sup>16</sup> As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup> If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them. (NIV 2011)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Soloist: Refrain.



Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord, for His love and faithfulness.

All: Refrain

**HOLY GOSPEL** **Mark 1:29-39** Jesus' ministry had a plan. He *needed* to heal, teach, pray, then move so He could heal and teach in other places. He did this to save us!

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.  
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. <sup>30</sup> Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. <sup>31</sup> So He went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup> The whole town gathered at the door, <sup>34</sup> and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but He would not let the demons speak because they knew who He was.

<sup>35</sup> Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed. <sup>36</sup> Simon and his companions went to look for him, <sup>37</sup> and when they found Him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for You!"

<sup>38</sup> Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." <sup>39</sup> So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. (NIV 2011)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**CW 806** "Your Days and Ways to God Surrender" (CW93 444)

## **SERMON**

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

## **SECOND ARTICLE OF THE ATHANASIAN CREED**

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man. He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and He is man, born in time from the nature of His mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh, equal to the Father as to His deity, less than the Father as to His humanity; and though He is both God and Man, Christ is not two persons but one, one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God; one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person; for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ. He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. At His coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

**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.



## **OFFERTORY**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9:1-13



1 Hal - low - ed be Your name. Fa - ther, hear our prayer.  
2 Keep us from ev - 'ry ill, from the e - vil one.



Let Your good will be done here and ev - 'ry - where.  
Grant us grace bought for us by Your ho - ly Son.



Fa - ther who art in heav'n, let Your king - dom come.  
You a - lone have the pow'r and the glo - ry, Lord.



Ev - 'ry day, give us bread; thank You for the sum.  
You a - lone reign as King, ev - er - more a - dored.



And for - give us our sins as we, too, for - give.  
Hear us call on Your name here on earth be - low.



Lead us from all that tempts all the days we live.  
Now we sing Your a - men; yes, it shall be so!

## CLOSING COLLECT

**Pastor:** Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage and a hope that cannot be extinguished, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us, Your love supporting us and Your Son abiding with us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

## BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** 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.

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

<h2>Our Father's Business in the Coming Week</h2>
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Cleaning this week: *Joe Berg leading an Adopt-a-Sailor clean-up crew*

**Today** -- "A Time for Everything – A Time to Plan" Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School and adult Bible class in the New Life Café at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

**Wednesday – Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6:30 PM**

**Stone Soup Supper at 7:30 PM**

**Thursday – Adopt-a-Sailor meal at noon**

**Friday** – No Men's Bible Class

**Sunday** -- "A Time for Everything – A Time to Pause" Communion Service / Signed Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School and adult Bible class in the New Life Café at 10:45 AM

No Confirmation Class

### **BIBLE CLASS**

**Sunday**—Sunday morning Bible Class will spend the next four weeks focusing on the stewardship of time. Bible class begins in the New Life Café at 10:45 AM.

**Friday**--Men's Bible class meets on Fridays at 11:30 AM. The Men's Bible Class is working through a study called, "A Man Named Martin."

### **THANKSGIVING EVE AND DAY**

New Life's Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, November 22. New Life will also host 28 sailors on Thanksgiving Day. Sign-up sheets have been posted in the fellowship hall for both of these events. Postcards are available on the table in the entryway which you can use to invite your friends and neighbors to our two-day Thanksgiving celebration.

### **ADVENT FESTIVAL**

There's been a change made to the ministry plan for December. Originally, Advent Festival was scheduled for Sunday, December 10. Instead, Advent Festival—a Sunday when we have a service of nine Advent Lessons and Carols and a family craft instead of Sunday School and Bible class—has been rescheduled for Sunday, December 3.

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

There's been a change made to the ministry plan for December. Originally, the children's Christmas service was scheduled for December 24 during the morning service. Instead, December 24 in the morning will observe the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. The kids service will be in the evening at 6:30 PM and the Christmas Day service will be at 10:30 AM on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **ADVENT CALENDARS**

The first Sunday in Advent is December 3. There's a table in the entryway with Advent calendars you can choose from to help you observe the Advent season.