





# ***New Life Ev. Lutheran Church Lake Zurich, IL***

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## **Last Sunday after the Epiphany— The Transfiguration of our Lord February 11, 2024**

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:* We worship You, Jesus, as true God and true man in one person. Though You lived, suffered and died with great humility, may we never forget that You never stopped being true God. Only You could have saved us! We thank You this day for coming down the mountain, leaving behind the brilliant display of Your glory, and resolutely moving forward to Calvary's cross. We eagerly await the day when we will see Your glory with our fellow believers in heaven. Amen.

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*Today's Theme:* ***A GLIMPSE OF HIS TRUE GLORY***

We began Epiphany season at the Jordan River. At His baptism, Jesus heard His Father's glorious voice: "You are My Son, whom I love" (Mark 1:11). From that day, in word and deed, Jesus began to reveal more about Himself. He demonstrated the extent of His authority and power and love. Along the way, we had an epiphany. Jesus has to be the very Son of God! Yet, Jesus looked so normal, like an ordinary carpenter or your average rabbi or just another prophet. Until today. We have traveled from the river to the mountain. Today, on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus gives us a glimpse of His true glory. As we see Him in His dazzling brilliance, the Father speaks again, this time to us: "This is My Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!"

This final epiphany prepares us for the journey of Lent where we will witness the most glorious work that Jesus would do when He came down from this mountain.

*Pastor's Welcome*

**Opening Hymn: CW 392 “This Brightness, Lord! What Shall I Say”**

## Invocation

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

Congregation: Amen.

## Opening Sentences *Isaiah 30:15, 18, 29*

P: This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says:

C: **“In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength,**

P: Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore He will rise up to show you compassion.

C: **For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him!**

P: And you will sing as on the night you celebrate a holy festival;

C: **your hearts will rejoice as when people playing pipes go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.**

## Confession and Absolution

P: O God, our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

C: **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**

P: We confess that we have not always brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.

C: **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**

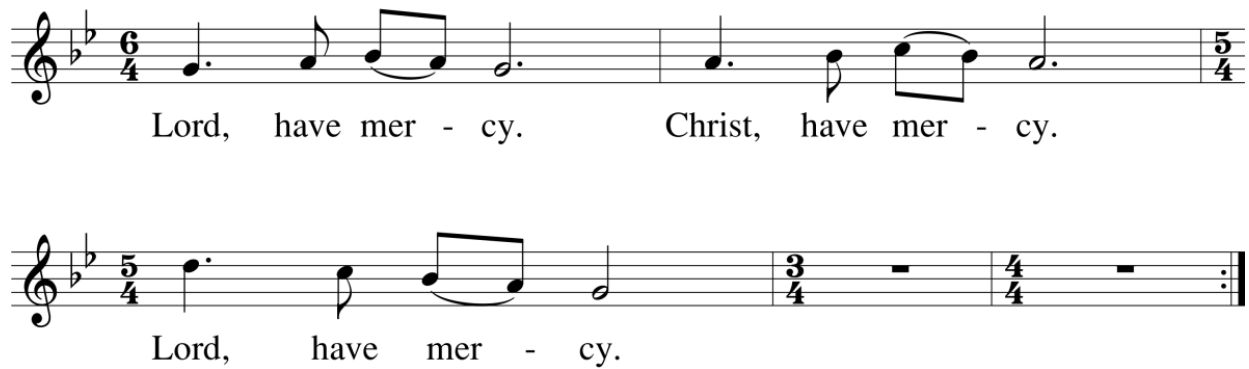
P: We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both that which we know and those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous laws.

C: **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**



*(Pastor sings through the refrain once; Pastor sings the verses and Congregation repeats the refrain as indicated throughout the song.)*

Pastor: Refrain



Verse 1: God of all creation, earth and sea and sky, God of all eternity: hear us, hear us. **Refrain**

Verse 2: God of ev'ry nation, God of all who live, God of meek and lowly ones: hear us, hear us. **Refrain**

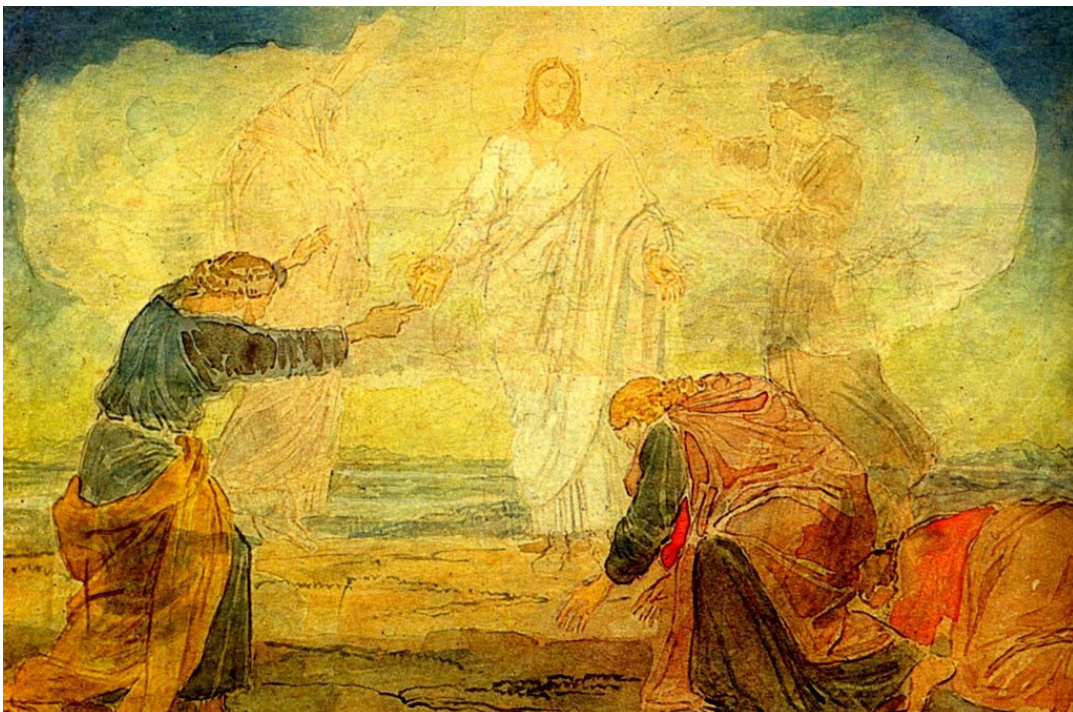
Verse 3: God of our salvation, God of grace and peace, God of wisdom and of love: hear us, hear us. **Refrain**

P: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

C: **Amen.**



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

## Glory to God

*(The Pastor and Congregation will sing the refrain; the Pastor sings the verses. The Congregation can sing the refrain with the Pastor as indicated in the song.)*



- 1) Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship You, we give You thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.

### Refrain

- 2) 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.

### Refrain

- 3) 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 the God, the Father. Amen! Amen!

### Refrain

## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, our God, You shone Your love to us through Your Son and in His light is our hope and joy. Take us up to the mountain of His brightness that when we descend in the valleys of our lives, His light may remain upon us to guide our way. Grant that we may receive the testimony of Moses and Elijah fulfilled in Christ and make known Christ's light to the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## The Word of God

### First Lesson

### 2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6

We cannot yet physically see what those disciples saw on the Mount of Transfiguration. But St. Paul teaches we can still see the glory of Christ's light in the gospel.


<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. (NIV 2011)

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**


**Gospel Acclamation** (*Pastor sings the verses; Congregation sings the "Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of truth and life!"*)

*Cantor:*




1, 5. Praise the God of all cre - a - tion, God of  
2. Tree of life and end-less wis - dom, be our  
3. Liv - ing wa - ter, we are thirst - ing for the  
4. Come, O Spir - it, kin - dle fire in the

*All:*



mer - cy and com - pas - sion:  
root, our growth and glo - ry: Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le -  
life that you have prom - ised:  
hearts of all your peo - ple:



lu - ia! Praise the Word of truth and life!

### Gospel

### MARK 9:2-9

Jesus gives Peter, James, and John a glimpse of His true glory.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**



<sup>2</sup> After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There He was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup> His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

<sup>7</sup> Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is My Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!"

<sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. (NIV 2011)

*(After the Gospel is read.)*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day: CW 388** "Down from the Mount of Glory" (CW93 97)

## **Sermon**

**The Second Article of the Athanasian Creed** *(Confessed in unison)*

**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.



## Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

**C: 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 also 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 good and right so to do.**

**P:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we give You thanks and praise, O Lord, Father of mercy, through Christ, our Lord, for in Him You have manifested the fullness of Your saving glory. Because He has kept the Law of Moses and fulfilled the promise of Elijah and all the prophets, we know Him as Savior and confess Him as Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore with angels and archangels, patriarchs and prophets, saints and martyrs, and with the whole company of heaven we join their unending hymn, evermore praising You and singing:



## Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,

God of pow - er, God of might, Hea - ven and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

in the high - est! Bles - sed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high - est!

*rit.*

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

## Words of Institution

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

C: Amen.

## O Christ, Lamb of God

(We will sing the first three verses, observing the repeat sign and then we will sing the last line, asking that Jesus would “grant us peace.”)



1. Je-sus, Lamb of
2. Je-sus, Bread of
3. Je-sus, Prince of



God,  
Life,  
Peace,  
you take a-way the sins of the world: have



mer-cy on us. Je-sus, Lamb of God; you



take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

## 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.

**Distribution Hymn: CW 390 “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain” (CWS 712)**

# Thanksgiving

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: **And His mercy endures forever.**

P: O Lord, You have brought us to the mountain where the glory of Christ has been revealed in the Gospel preached and in the Sacrament administered. Lead us now down the mountain that we may not be lost in the darkness of doubt or fear nor surrender to the shadow of death without faith in Him who died that we might live and lives that we might never die. Keep us in this glory of Christ until time surrenders to eternity, finding perfect fulfillment in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## Blessing

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—be upon you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

## Farewell to Alleluia

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter morning as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

## The Closing Hymn: “Alleluia, Song of Triumph”



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while  
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed

can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,  
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions  
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter

Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of  
All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -  
Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn  
With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -

God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.  
time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.  
ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

## Announcements

### Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this week: Casaletto

**Today**—Transfiguration Sunday Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship in the fellowship hall at 10:30 AM

Sunday School and Bible Class in the Café at 10:45 AM

No Confirmation Class, Super Bowl Sunday

**Wednesday**—Ash Wednesday

Lenten Meal at 6:15 PM

Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 PM

**Friday**—Men's Bible Class at 11:30 AM

**Sunday**—First Sunday in Lent Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible class at 10:45 AM

No Confirmation Class, President's Day Weekend



## **ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

Today, making use of a “word for word” video, the Bible class will continue a study of John’s Gospel, chapter 2.

## **LADY’S NIGHT OUT**

The Branch Connection is planning a Lady’s Night Out for Tuesday, February 27 at 6:00 PM at Beelow’s Steak House in Lake Zurich. Beelow’s is the restaurant the provides food for Adopt-a-Sailor free of charge. See the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

## **FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP SHEET**

A new sign-up sheet has been posted for providing something to eat and drink after the Sunday service. The sheet covers January 2024 through April 2024.

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

As of Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> we have received \$152,803 in offerings for the current fiscal year. This places us \$18,164\* ahead of the budget.

\*This is possible through the generous gift of a donor to support the Lord’s work here at New Life. Let their gift serve as a reminder and inspiration of the joyful attitude we should all have in our gifts to the Lord.

## **LENTEN MEAL SIGN-UP SHEET**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, which is also Valentine’s Day. If you’d like to take responsibility for catering a Lenten meal, see the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Thrivent grants of \$250 will be obtained for each Lenten meal.

## **CALL TO GREEN BAY**

On Sunday, January 21, Pastor Bauer was notified that he has been called to First Lutheran Church in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Pastor Bauer has decided to decline the call to First in Green Bay.

## **HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY**

On February 14, we commemorate Valentine, Martyr. The word “martyr” reminds us that Valentine died for confessing his faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. For eighteen hundred years, Valentine’s faithful witness has inspired Christian people to faith-filled words and loving deeds. A physician and priest in Rome during the rule of Emperor Claudius, Valentine lived in a time when Christians were harshly persecuted because of their religion. Arrested by Roman authorities, he received a death sentence. Tradition suggests that while Valentine was waiting in prison for his day of execution, he developed a friendship with the young daughter of his jailer. He told the girl about Jesus and shared his hope of heaven. On the day of his execution, he left her a note cut into a special shape. Written inside was a message of affection and encouragement. He signed the letter “your Valentine,” beginning a tradition that has changed and grown through the centuries. Love for Christ and love in Christ shaped the actions of Valentine. On Valentine’s Day, it is good to reflect on what that love is like.



### **LENTEN MID-WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Ash Wednesday is February 14. Meals begin at 6:15 PM on Wednesdays. The service begins at 7:00 PM. New Life will be privileged to have area WELS pastors conduct our services during the Lenten season.

February 14, Pastor Bauer, "Misconceptions" (Luke 23:1-12)  
February 21, Pastor Sheperd, "Truth" (John 18:33-40)  
February 28, Pastor Raddatz, "Sympathy" (Luke 23:26-34)  
March 6, Pastor Schubert, "Accusations" (Job 40:1,2; 42:1-6)  
March 13, Pastor Carlovsky, "Restraint" (Luke 22:47-53)  
March 20, Pastor Schultz, "Testimony" (Matthew 26:57-75)