



**RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING**  
*Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship*

**Lent 5**  
**March 29, 2020**

**New Life Lutheran Church**  
**Pearland, Texas**

**10:30AM**



*New Life Lutheran Church is a partner congregation of  
the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

**GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.**

- ROOTED *in the Word*
- REFRESHED *in the Spirit*
- REACHING *into the Neighborhood & the World!*

**TODAY @ NEW LIFE:**

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

**Come, Now is the Time for Worship**

Come, now is the time to worship!  
Come, now is the time to give your heart!  
Come, just as you are to worship!  
Come, just as you are before your God!  
Come!

One day every tongue will confess You are God.  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose You now!

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Who gladly choose You now!

Brian Doerksen

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE PARISH**

## **Blessed Be Your Name**

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name  
Blessed Be Your name when I'm found in the desert place.  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me.  
When the world's all as it should be. Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering.  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name.

*Lyrics: Matt & Beth Redman*

## CALL TO WORSHIP



P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God  
who is present, who gives life,  
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

C: **Amen.**

A: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION



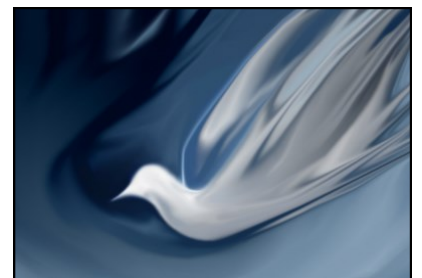
A: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ABSOLUTION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

C: **Amen.**



## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

## Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing



Refrain:

Jesus Messiah, name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, The ransom from Heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body, the bread, His blood, the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth tremble and the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing.      Refrain

All our hope is in You! All our hope is in You!  
All the glory to You, God: The light of the world      Refrain

*Words and music by Chris Tomlin, Christopher Dwayne Tomlin,  
Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves*

### **GREETING**

**P:** Grace and peace to all of you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; and may the inseparableness of the Holy Spirit be with everyone here!

**C: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. Almighty God,

C: your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death.

Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sang Kim

*Each Sunday a special message is shared with all the children ages infants through 6th grade.*

*All God's children are welcome!*



## FAITH 5 - READ



### First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."*

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

<sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to

the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

*Here ends the reading.*

## **Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11**

*For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.*

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law – indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

R: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

# Gospel

## READING

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 9th chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: John 11: 1-45** (Bold - verse for FAITH5)

*Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.*

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and



met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. **And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."**

<sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

### *Refrain:*

**Jesus is a rock in a weary land  
a weary land, a weary land;  
Jesus is a rock in a weary land,  
a shelter in the time of storm**

1. No one can do like Jesus,  
not a mumbling word he said;  
he went walking down to Lazarus' grave,  
and he raised him from the dead. *Refrain*
2. When Jesus was on earth,  
the flesh was very weak;  
he took a towel and girded himself  
and he washed his disciples' feet. *Refrain*
3. Yonder comes my Savior,  
him whom I love so well;  
he has the palm of victory  
and the keys of death and hell. *Refrain*



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## THE OFFERING IS GIVEN

*Giving is good for the giver; promoting our trust in God and providing blessings to the world.*

## THE OFFERTORY

Johnny Salvesen

### TEXT GIVING is now available at New Life

You can now tithe via text. Text to **281.864.3278**, add a \$\$ amount to the message box and send. A link will appear for a 1 time set up.

Once it is set-up, it takes seconds to give again.

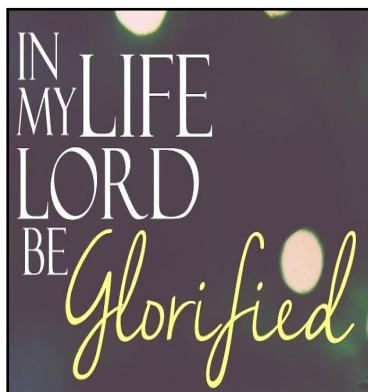
You can also give thru the New Life website [NewLifeLutheran.com](http://NewLifeLutheran.com)  
There is a give page and donate options on most of the tabs main pages.

Checks can also be dropped off at the Church or mailed in.

Thank you for supporting New Life's ministry.

**Giving Update As of Sunday, March 22nd, 60.1 % of the Minimum Monthly Giving Goal has been received. Thank you!**

## Lord, Be Glorified



- 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.
- 2 In my song, ...
- 3 In your church, ...

## FAITH5 - PRAY

P: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: God of life, bind your faithful people into one body. Enliven the church with your Spirit and bless the work of those who work for its renewal. Accomplish your work of salvation in us and through us, for the sake of the world. Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of life, you love the world you have made and you grieve when creation suffers. Restore polluted lands and waterways. Heal areas of the world ravaged by storms, floods, wildfires, droughts, or other natural disasters. Bring all things to new life. Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of life, show redemption to all who watch and wait with eager expectation: those longing for wars to cease, those waiting for immigration paperwork to finalize, those seeking election, and those in dire need of humanitarian relief. Come quickly with your hope. Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

A: God of life, you weep with those who grieve. Unbind all who are held captive by anxiety, despair, or pain (*especially*). Fill us with compassion and empathy for those who struggle, and keep us faithful in prayer. Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of life, we give thanks for opportunities for this congregation to collaborate with our community in caring for the needs of our neighbors. Strengthen our ties with other local congregations, agencies, and services. Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: God of life, you are our resurrection. We remember all those who have died and trust that, in you, they will live again. Breathe new life into our dry bones, that we, too, might live with you forever. Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**





## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father, who is in heaven.**

**Hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come; your will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil;**

**for yours is the kingdom and the power**

**and the glory forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## FAITH5 - BLESS

P: Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✝ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

C: Amen!

## A SENDING SONG

### Precious Lord, Take My Hand

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand,  
lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 2 When my way grows drear,  
precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call,  
hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 3 When the darkness appears  
and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand,  
guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.



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## WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

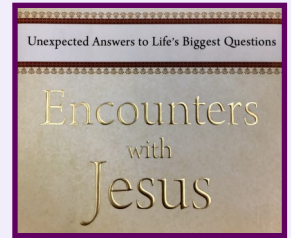
A: Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia and Amen!



## ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS

*A personal journey for God's  
people in Lent*



**WED April 1 "The Great Enemy"** (Even Satan has an 'encounter'!)  
**(to be livestreamed on FaceBook @ 7pm)**



**Sunday, April 5th - Palm Sunday - LWR Quilt Blessing**

**Tues., April 7th - Passover/Seder Meal**



**Thurs., April 9th- Maundy Thursday - Service @ 7:00 pm**  
**First Communion, New Members & Baptisms**



**Friday, April 10th - Good Friday**



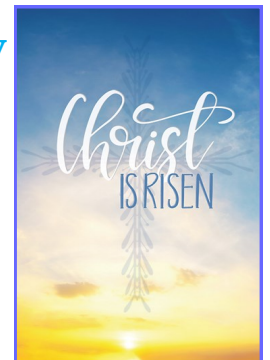
Service @ 4:00 pm  
Fish Fry @ 5:00 pm  
Service @ 7:00 pm



**Saturday, April 11th - Children's Easter Party  
& Egg Hunt @ 11:00 am**

**Sunday, April 12th - Easter Sunday**

Service @ 8:00 am  
Easter Breakfast @ 9:15 am  
Service @ 10:30 am



### ALL Activities/

**events/classes, etc are suspended until at least March 31st.**

**Sunday's Cool and Faith Practices are being reworked for upcoming events.**

Per ELCA and local Government recommendations,

\* **As of March 16, all gatherings for worship services and events will be held virtually** instead of face to face until at least April 5. Pearland ISD has suspended classes until April 10, hoping to return Easter Monday, April 13. We will keep watch, too.

\* **Thus, there will be no public gathering for worship for the next 2 Sundays.** Services will be live streamed via the NEW LIFE IN PEARLAND Facebook page. If you are not a subscriber to FB, you probably know someone who is and can view with them.

\* **RECOVERY GROUPS @ NEW LIFE...** (AA, Al-Anon, etc) **WILL be able to use** New Life's facilities each week asking participants to observe social distancing space. For those who may sense they are not well are asked to remain at home and each group will sanitize the meeting area in preparation for the next group.