

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

# **Palm Sunday** April 5, 2020

# New Life Lutheran Church Pearland, Texas



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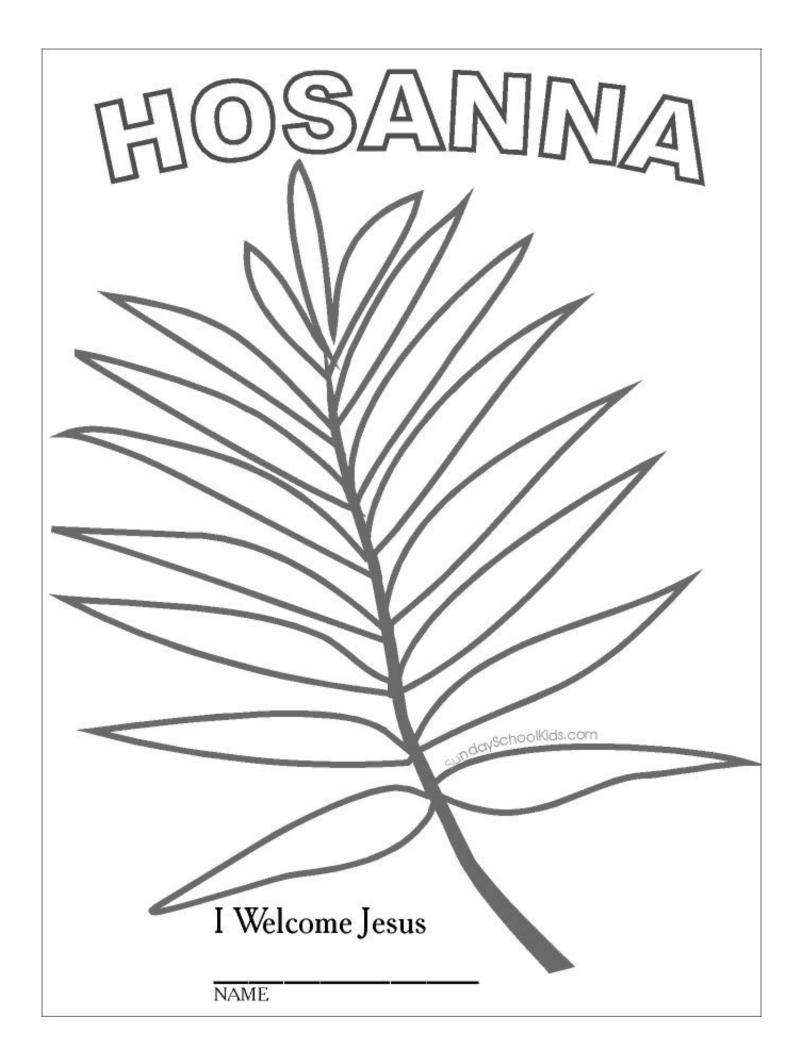
# **GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.**

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

#### TODAY @ NEW LIFE:

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find

ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.



## Palm Sunday

#### FAITH5 - GATHER

The people of God gather outside the doors of the church

## WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE PARISH

# THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

- P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C: Hosanna to the Son of David.
- A: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- A: Let us pray,

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

#### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL - LUKE 19:28-40

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- A: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.



- P: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of Kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow Him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen
- A: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C: Hosanna to the Son of David.
- P: Let us go forth in peace.
- C: In the name of the Lord.



All Glory, Laud, and Honor



Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635

As all are in their places the palm branches are raised high in celebration.

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

# **GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with everyone here.
- C: And also with you.
- A: Let us pray together. Everlasting God,
- C: in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, 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: ISAIAH 50:4-9a

The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.
The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.
I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.
Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

He who vindicates me is near.

Who then will bring charges against me?

Let us face each other! Who are my accusers?

Let them confront me!

It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me.

Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment;

the moths will eat them up.

Here ends the reading.



# SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11 (Bold - verse for FAITH5)

In your relationships with one another, have the same attitude of mind Christ Jesus had:

Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human being,

he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death -

even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

R: Word of God! Word of life!

C: Thanks be to God!



P: The good news of Jesus, son of God from the Gospel of St. Luke: C: Praise to You, Lord Christ!

#### GOSPEL: LUKE 22:14-23:25

A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones. But Peter replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?"

"Nothing," they answered.

He said to them, "But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors'; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment."

The disciples said, "See, Lord, here are two swords."

"That is enough," he replied.

#### Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

#### Jesus Arrested

While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

#### Peter Disowns Jesus

Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him."

But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said.

A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them."

"Man, I am not!" Peter replied.

About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."

Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

#### The Guards Mock Jesus

The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him. They blindfolded him and demanded, "Prophesy! Who hit you?" And they said many other insulting things to him.

#### Jesus Before Pilate and Herod

At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them. "If you are the Messiah," they said, "tell us."

Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."

They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?"

He replied, "You say that I am."

Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."

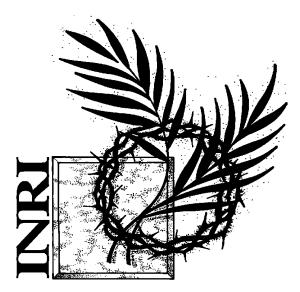
Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king."

So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "You have said so," Jesus replied. Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man."

But they insisted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here."

On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to



see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him." With one voice they cried out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!" (*Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.*)

Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

For the third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him."

But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. So Pilate decided to grant their demand. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will. And the soldiers led him away...

P: Word of God! Word of life!C: Thanks be to God.



"Our Savior Jesus poured out NEW LIFE so generously."

– Titus 3:6

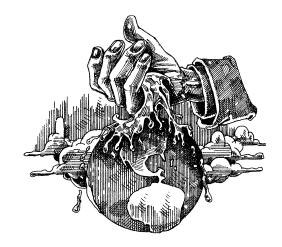
# FAITH5 - TALK"We Didn't See This Coming"Pastor Gigee

# One Name

1. One name under heaven;

whereby we all are saved. One name under heaven; whereby we all are saved.

- Forgiven of our sins; baptized in the water;
   Filled with the Holy Spirit; washed in the blood of the lamb.
   Forgiven of our sins; baptized in the water;
   Filled with the Holy Spirit; washed in the blood of the lamb.
- 3. Free, really free, my friend.Freed by the blood of the lamb.Free, really free, my friend.Freed by the blood of the lamb.
- 4. God's gonna move this place; God's gonna move this place.
  God's gonna turn this whole world upside down.
  God's gonna move this place; God's gonna move this place.
  God's gonna turn this whole world upside down.
- 5. *"Sing any one of the above verses"*
- 6. One name under heaven;
  whereby we all are saved.
  One name under heaven;
  whereby we all are saved.



#### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

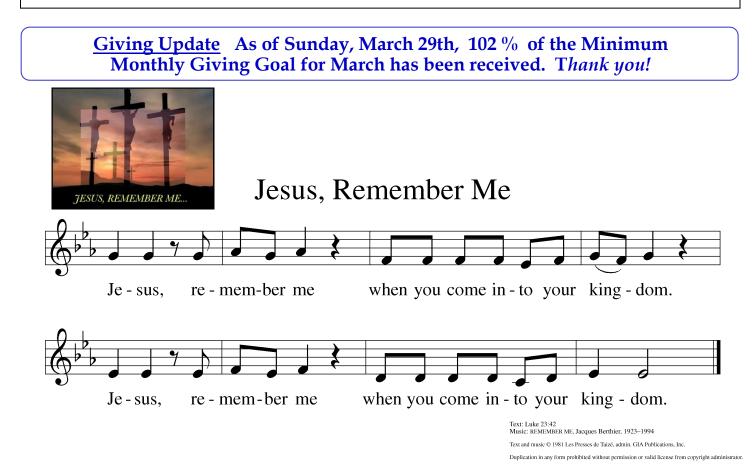
# **TEXT GIVING is now available at New Life**

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 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.



- 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 mercy, awaken your church to new proclamations of your faithfulness. By your Spirit, give us bold and joyful words to speak, that we sustain the weary with the message of your redemption . Lord in your mercy,

## C: hear our prayer.

A: God of mercy, quiet the earth where it trembles and shakes. Protect vulnerable ecosystems, threatened habitats, and endangered species. Prosper the work of scientists, engineers, and researchers who find ways to restore creation to health and wholeness. Lord in your mercy,

## C: hear our prayer.

- A: God of mercy, drive away fear and anger that cause us to turn against one another. Give courage to leaders who seek liberation for the oppressed. Bring peace and hope to those who are in prison and those who face execution . Lord in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.

- A: God of mercy, send your saving help to all who suffer abuse, insult, discrimination, or contempt. Heal the wounded. Comfort the dying. Bring peace to those suffering chronic or terminal illness. Tend to all who cry out for relief (*especially*). Lord in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: God of mercy, we pray for all who will prepare and lead worship in this Holy Week. In all things, show us the ways that you call us to die to self, to live for you, and to give of ourselves for the sake of others. Lord in your mercy,

#### C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A: God of mercy, when we breathe our last, you raise us to eternal life. With all your witnesses in heaven and on earth, let us boldly confess the name of Jesus Christ, our resurrection and our 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.

The Lord's

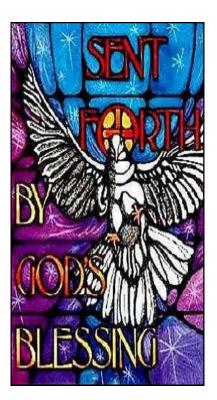
# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

- C: Amen!

# A SENDING SONG



# Sent Forth by God's Blessing

- Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from his dwelling take leave. The supper is ended.
   Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe.
   The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.
   His grace did invite us, his love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing his children of each tribe and race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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# WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia and Amen!



# **Palm Sunday**



# Sunday, April 5th - Palm Sunday

Thurs., April 9th- Maundy Thursday Livestreamed Service @ 7:00 pm



#### Friday, April 10th - Good Friday



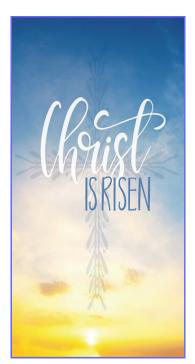
The Crucifixion of Jesus
Scripture / Reflections / Songs / Bidding Prayer
9:00 AM Facebook Livestream on NEW LIFE IN PEARLAND
(can be viewed all day and shared with others)



Sunday, April 12th - Easter Sunday

Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, Son of God and Savior of the Cosmos

Facebook Livestream on NEW LIFE IN PEARLAND At 8am and available @ 10:30am and all day



<u>ALL Activities/events/classes, etc are suspended until at least April 30th</u> Sunday's Cool and Faith Practices are being reworked for upcoming events and are being featured on Facebook and online. NewLifeLutheran.com