

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

Easter 2
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New Life Lutheran Church
Pearland, Texas

10:30AM



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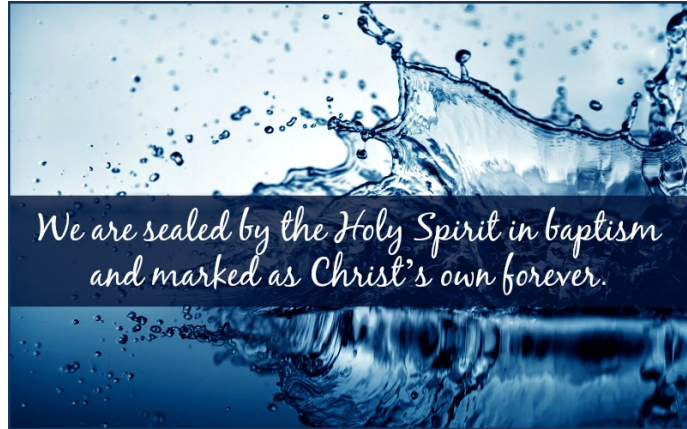
GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

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

TODAY @ NEW LIFE:

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

FAITH5 - GATHER



Baptized in Water



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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You Are Worthy of My Praise

I will worship (I will worship)
With all of my heart (with all of my heart)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
With all of my strength (all my strength)
I will seek You (I will seek You)
All of my days (all of my days)
And I will follow (I will follow)
All of Your ways (all Your ways)

Chorus/ I will give You all my worship
I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my praise

I will bow down (I will bow down)
Hail You as king (hail You as king)
And I will serve You (I will serve You)
Give You everything (give You everything)
I will lift up (I will lift up)
My eyes to Your throne (my eyes to Your throne)
And I will trust You (I will trust You)
I will trust You alone (trust You alone)

Chorus/

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Silence is kept for reflection.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A: We give you thanks, O God,

C: for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

Amen.



WORDS OF ABSOLUTION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.





Crown Him with Many Crowns



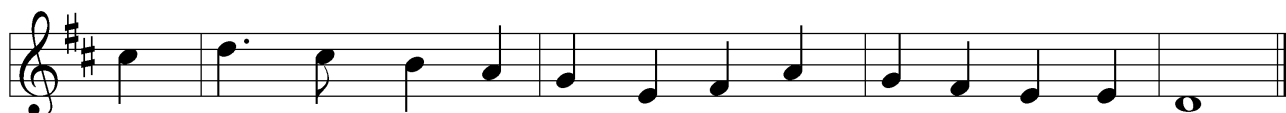
- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

- 5 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.
- 6 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

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 and eternal God,

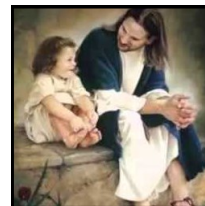
C: **the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David
that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him
that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this,
David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Here ends the reading.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy
he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of
Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected
by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in
the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had
to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith – being more
precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found
to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do
not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and
glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation
of your souls.

R: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel

READING

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

(Bold - verse for FAITH5)

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

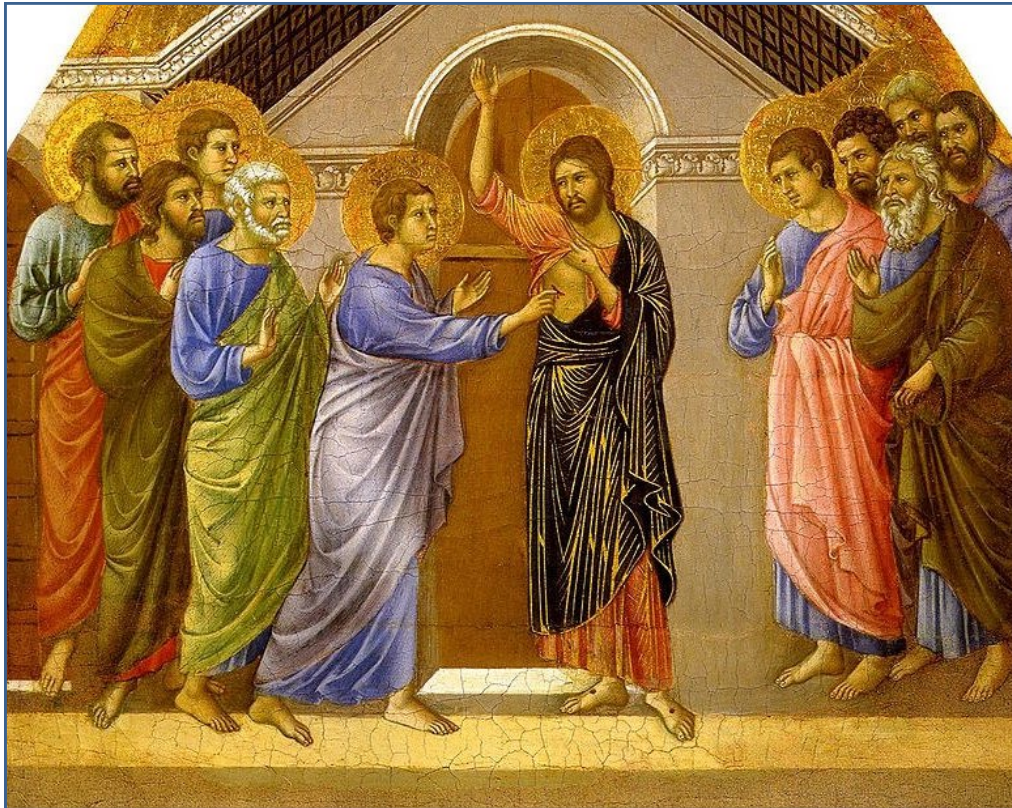
²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷**Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."** ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.**"

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.



"WHAT IT MEANS TO BE BLESSED"



Amazing Grace - Alleluia

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

Chorus

Alleluia, alleluia, allelu
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, allelu
alleluia alleluia, allelu, alleluia

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear.
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

Chorus

3. Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.

Chorus

4. Amazing grace how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

Chorus

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.

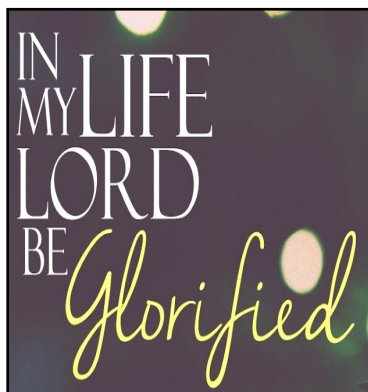
You can also give thru the New Life website NewLifeLutheran.com There is a give page and donate options on most of the tabs main pages.

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, April 12th, 30.9% 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: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: Open the doors we close, O God, when we fear those who worship you in different ways. Guide us to unity and harmony so that we may come to respect and cherish our commonalities. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Open the paths we ignore, O God, when we prioritize financial gain and convenience over listening to the groaning of the earth. Inspire all to care for the world you have made so that living things might thrive. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Open the rooms we lock, O God, to those who live without a homeland or place of safety. We pray that generous nations offer refuge and peace for all. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Open the hearts we close, O God, to the cries of those in pain. We pray for those isolated physically or emotionally through incarceration, addiction, mental illness, chronic suffering, grief, and all in need (*especially*). Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Open the ways of love, O God, in the pursuit of peace throughout the world, and bless the efforts of missionaries, healthcare professionals, activists for women and children, and relief workers, especially those who find themselves in harm's way. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Open the way to eternal life, O God, as we remember those who have died in faith. Free us from the fear of death, that we embrace the peace you have promised. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



P: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



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.

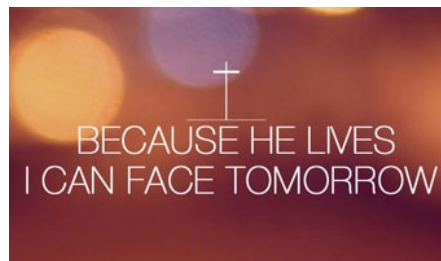
FAITH5 - BLESS

P: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen!

A SENDING SONG

I believe in the son,
I believe in the risen one,
I believe I overcome
By the power of his blood.



Chorus:

Amen, amen

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.

Amen, amen

**Let my song join the one that never ends,
Because He lives.**

I was dead in the grave,
I was covered in sin and shame,
I heard mercy call my name,
He rolled the stone away. **(Chorus)**

Bridge:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, every fear is gone
I know he holds my life, my future in his hands.

(Chorus 2X)

WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

A: Christ is risen, just as he said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia and Amen!



Easter Messages...

“THE CALM JESUS BRINGS”

50 days of reflections for the Christian life

Thank you for supporting New Life Lutheran Church and its Ministries.
Your online, texted, mailed or dropped off giving is vital to the ongoing operations of New Life.



Congratulations to Abby & Josh Roszak on the birth of their new baby boy, Lawrence Brooks Roszak. Lawrence was born April 10th. Big sister Lena is all smiles for her baby brother!

In Sympathy – We extend our Christian sympathy to Cheryl Robinson, family, and friends, for the loss of her sister, Debbie Adams, who died in Christ Monday, April 6th. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.



Remember to pray for:

Rannie D. (hospitalized), Floyd B. (recovering - broken ankle), Terry B. (hospitalized for UTI), Theresa B. (hospitalized for Pneumonia), Kerri N. (husband, Clint in care facility with COVID19), Jenaro C.'s sister, Natalia and father, Ruben (positive for COVID19), Virginia V. (cataract surgery), Mark L. (hospitalized –complications of appendectomy), Ruth R. (pain from osteoporosis and COPD), as well as those who are hospitalized or are a shut-in and living at an in-care facility, those who are taking on the role of teacher to their children and/or grandchildren, those on the front lines serving in the medical or first response fields and those working “essential” jobs requiring them to report to a job site.

ALL Activities/events/classes, etc are suspended until at least April 30th.
Sunday's Cool and Faith Practices are being reworked for upcoming events.

Per ELCA and local Government recommendations,

* **All gatherings for worship services and events will be held virtually** instead of face to face until at least April 30. Pearland ISD has suspended classes and District activities until Monday, May 4th as well.

* **Thus, there will be no public gathering for worship for awhile.** 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. If you need help, call the church office Monday—Thursday 9am-5pm.