



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

Easter 3
April 26, 2020

New Life Lutheran Church
Pearland, Texas

10:30AM



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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:

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

FAITH5 - GATHER

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.





All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises

Refrain

**You lived, You died, You said in three days You would rise
You did, You're alive
You rule, You reign, You said You're coming back again
I know You will and all the earth will sing Your praises**

1 You took, You take our sins away oh God
You give and gave Your life away for us
You came down, You saved us thru the cross
Our hearts are changed because of Your great love

Refrain

2 No one, No name can rise above You Lord
One hope, One life will shine forever more
Your kingdom in heaven and on earth
Your children stand to sing of Your great worth

Refrain

CALL to WORSHIP

P: We gather in the name of Jesus, the One who is, the One who was and the One who is to come.

C: Alleluia and amen!

A: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

C: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

A: Walk in the light of his love.

C: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

A: Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

C: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence for reflection.

C: O God, we want to have our cake and eat it, too: we want to be a friend of the world and still be your friend. Yet, Jesus taught us: "No one can serve two masters."



Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight: help us to seek your kingdom first. Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world, and to be friends with the people you call us to serve.

Help us also to remember that our best relationship is the one we have with you.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AFFIRMATION AND FORGIVENESS ANNOUNCED

P: God's wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and we are given a new way to live. Let us accept God's grace, and live new lives of faith, obedience, and joy.

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

Messiah

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. O God,

C: **your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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

P: The Good News of Jesus, Son of God according to St. Luke:

C: Praise to You, Lord Christ!

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35 (Bold - verse for FAITH5)

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the

prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴**They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"** ³⁵**Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.**

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.

FAITH5 - TALK

Pastor Gige

"Even When We Try to Walk Away"



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.

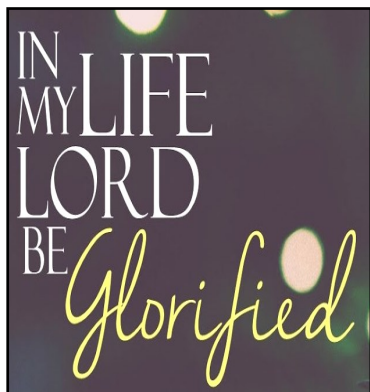
Thank you for supporting New Life's ministry.

**Giving Update As of Sunday, April 19th, 49.2% of the Minimum
Monthly Giving Goal has been received.**

90.2% of the Goal for the First Quarter of 2020 was 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: For those whose hearts are fervent with love for your gospel, that they are empowered to tell the story of your love in their lives and to show hospitality in response to this love. Lord in your mercy,

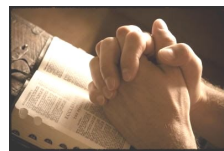
C: hear our prayer.

A: For the diverse natural world: for jungles, prairies, forests, valleys, mountains, and for all the wild and endangered animals who call these spaces home, that they are nurtured and protected. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For broken systems we have inherited and that we continue to perpetuate, forgive us. Restrain the nations from fighting over limited resources. Redeem us from the cycles of scarcity and violence. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



A: For all who call upon your healing name, give rest. Stay with us, and walk with all those who are hungry, friendless, despairing, and desiring healing in body and spirit (*especially*). Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For the faith forming ministries of this church. For those preparing for baptism, first communion, confirmation, and membership. For those who participate in Sunday school and adult education; guide and inspire learners of every age and ability. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Create in our hearts a yearning to rest in your promise of eternal and resurrected life. Give us thankful hearts for those who have died, even as we look forward to the hope of new life with you. 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

Mighty to Save



Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
A kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations **Refrain**

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender **Refrain**

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King...Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King **Refrain (X2)**

Refrain:

Savior
He can move the mountains
My God is Mighty to save
He is Mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

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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!



“THE CALM THAT JESUS BRINGS”

A series of messages for the Sundays after Easter in an anxious time of life

April 26 - “EVEN WHEN WE TRY TO WALK AWAY” (Luke 24:13-49)

May 3 - “HOW MANY STORMS DOES IT TAKE?” (Mark 4:35-41)

May 10 - “CALM IN THE CROWD AND IN OUR HOMES” (Mark 5:21-43)

May 17 - “WHO ME? WORRY? OF COURSE I WORRY!” (Matthew 6:25-34)

May 24 - “THE CALM THAT LEADS TO CONFIDENCE” (John 17:1-11)

May 31 - **PENTECOST SUNDAY!**

In Sympathy - We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of former member, Luke Wilson, who died in Christ on Sunday, April 19th.



May the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of Christ bring comfort and consolation to all who mourn.

Prayer Requests may be sent to the church office via communitylife@newlifelutheran.com Or call 281-485-1818



Pictures of family and/or Church life at home may be sent to the church office via office@newlifelutheran.com For submission to the Lifeline.

ALL Activities/events/classes, etc are suspended until at least June 1st.
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. The state of Texas has suspended all schools, colleges, universities, etc. classes for the remainder of the school year.

* **New Life will not be having a public gathering for worship until at least June 1st.** 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.