

MATTHEW 10:40-42



Appearance While the Apostles are at Table  
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## RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING

*Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship*

**Pentecost 4**  
**June 28, 2020**

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

**8:00 AM**



*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:

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

FAITH5 - GATHER

WELCOME &amp; NEWS



## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

## CALL TO WORSHIP



P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

**C: whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Amen!**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION



P: Reconciling God,

**C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ABSOLUTION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ☩ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**





## God of Grace and God of Glory



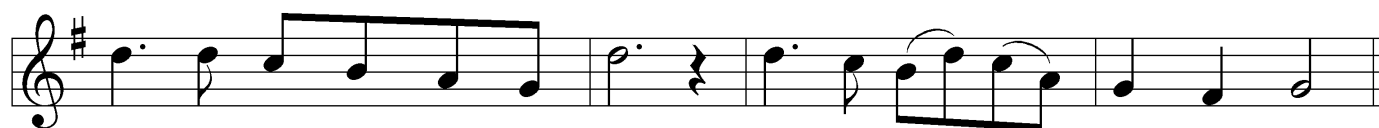
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

### 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.

# KYRIE



Johnny: In peace, in peace,

## Refrain

*Assistant:*

*Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*to Verses*

Johnny: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all...

Johnny: For your people here, who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your Word...

Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*

God. A - men.

# NOW THE FEAST

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God. *to Refrain*

## Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich-es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

## Verse 3

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *to Refrain*

*Presider:*

*Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God,

C: **you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: Jeremiah 28:5-9

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

*Here ends the reading.*



## Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup>**I will establish your line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.' "**

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

<sup>16</sup>**They rejoice daily in your name;  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength,

and by your favor our might is exalted.

<sup>18</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**



## Second Reading: Romans 6:17-23

(*Bold - verse for FAITH5*)

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

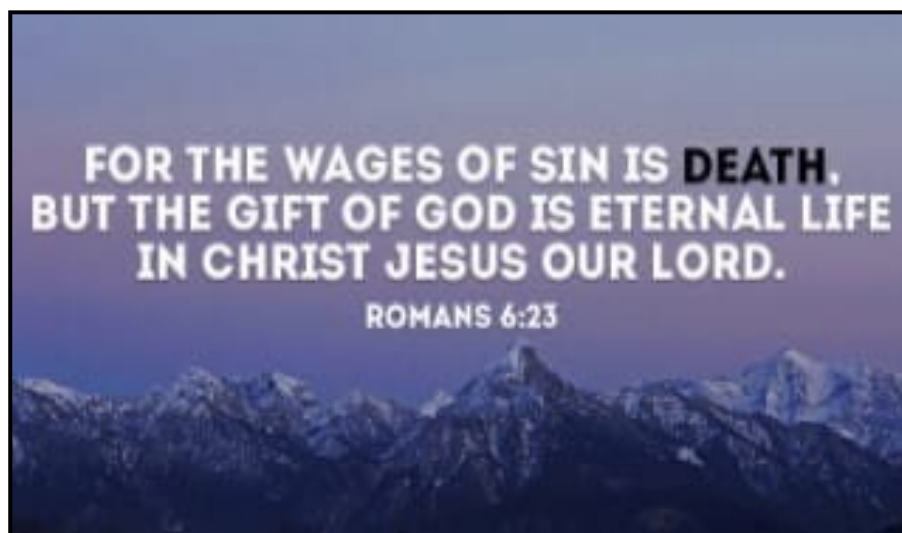
<sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

<sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>**For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

R: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**





# Gospel

## READING

### GOSPEL VERSE

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

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

C: Praise to You, Lord Christ!

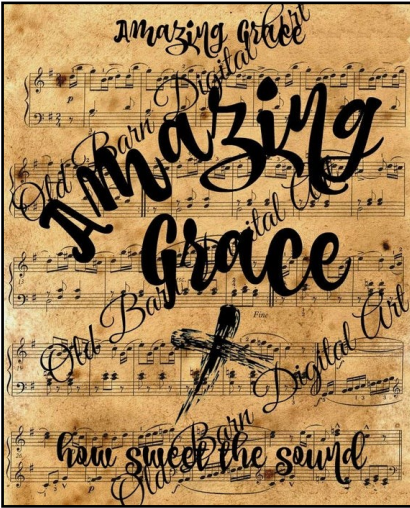
### GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.

*"How to be a Godly Slave"***Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

- 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.
- 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!
- 3     Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
        I have already come;  
        'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
        and grace will lead me home.
- 4     The Lord has promised good to me;  
        his word my hope secures;  
        he will my shield and portion be  
        as long as life endures.
- 5     When we've been there ten thousand years;  
        bright shining as the sun;  
        we've no less days to sing God's praise;  
        than when we've first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807

## **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, June 21st, New Life has received \$25,344 of the \$30,490 (83%) of the Minimum June Monthly Giving Goal.

*Thank you!*



### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

## THE OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of goodness and growth,

C: all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.



## FAITH5 - PRAY

P: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

P: God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in a festal shout of praise. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we need. Inspire us to care for our environment and be attuned to where the earth is crying out. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, lonely, or abandoned (*especially*). Strengthen those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of community, we give thanks for this congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died. Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**



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P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**





**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.**

<b>FAITH5 - BLESS</b>
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**P:** Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.  
God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**C: Amen!**

## A SENDING SONG

## Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



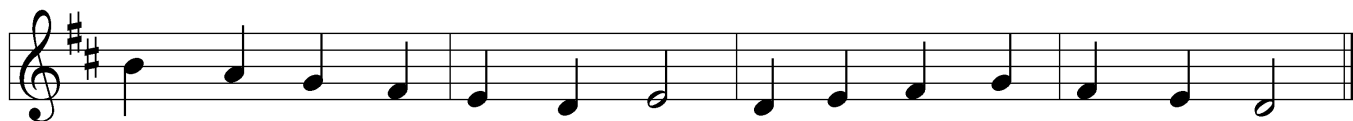
through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, since you are our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, pil - grims here, our home a - bove,  
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Fa - ther's bid - ding.  
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
then by grace we all may win un - told fruits of his cre - a - tion.  
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
Je - sus, un - to you I die, there to live with you on high.  
Je - sus, if I faith - ful be, life e - ter - nal grant to me.

## WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you. Alleluia!  
C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia and Amen!



# FAITH5

## WHY DO FAITH5?

This is a simple tool every household can use every night. You could do this with your friend from church, grandkids in another state or the people you consider family. Every age and stage of life can do FAITH5 together each night as a way to grow deeper in their own discipleship. You will also get to know God's Word in a new way and create lasting faith connections with the people you care most about.

- After you share your highs and lows of the day, read the passage out loud. Read it together.
- After you read, talk about the passage connecting your highs and lows. What kind of increase in love have you seen/experienced? What kind of increase in love do you need? Like St. Paul, who do you know in your life who needs an increase of love? Who can you thank for showing love to you, especially when you needed it?
- When finished talking, take time to pray for each other and those who need an increase in love... Faith5 ends with everyone being blessed. (see below for ways to do that--- hugs, kisses, smiles, etc are appropriate!)



**Blessings:** One way to give a blessing is using your thumb to make the sign of the cross on the other person's forehead. This is a reminder of our baptism and as Martin Luther discovered we know that "we belong to Jesus forever."

Some words of blessing you could say:

*Jesus loves you! Or You are a child of God! Or Go make disciples of all nations! Or - You belong to Jesus forever!*

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Hello, families and kiddos!

Please read and spend time together as a family!

**Romans 6:23** <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Faith 5: *Share, Read, Talk, Pray Bless!*

<https://faithink.com/the-faith5-steps>

- 1) Talk about something (pet?) or someone who died. How did you feel?
- 2) When did you get something for free? How did you feel. Share details.
- 3) What was your most favorite gift? When was the last time you really, really thanked God for Jesus Christ?
- 4) Pray to God and give thanks with a grateful heart because you are alive physically and spiritually. Pray for those by name who do not know Jesus yet.

