



## RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING

*Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship*

**Pentecost 4**  
**June 28, 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:** 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 & NEWS

**Your Love, Oh Lord**

*CHORUS*

Your love, oh Lord  
Reaches to the heavens.  
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains  
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

I will lift my voice  
To worship You, my King  
I will find my strength  
In the shadow of your wings.

*CHORUS*

Your love, oh Lord  
Reaches to the heavens.  
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains  
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.



Text: Mac Powell

## 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.**



## AFFIRMATION AND FORGIVENESS ANNOUNCED

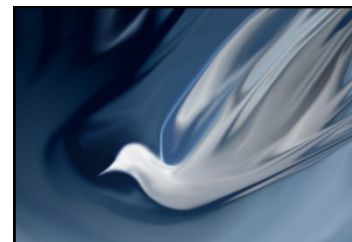
P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ☩ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy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

**C: Amen!**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**



## **This is Holy Time**

This is Holy time  
We're gathered together  
To worship you and love one another  
And as we pray, and as we sing  
And as we dance, and as we dream  
Oh Lord, I beg of you  
just this one thing

Won't you dance with me  
Throughout the heavens  
And below the sea  
Up on the mountaintops  
Roll with the breeze  
Come carry me

Lord won't you dance...With me



## **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

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

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

*All God's children are welcome!*

**Sang Kim**



## 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.*

## Second Reading: Romans 6:17-23

(*Bold - verse for FAITH5*)

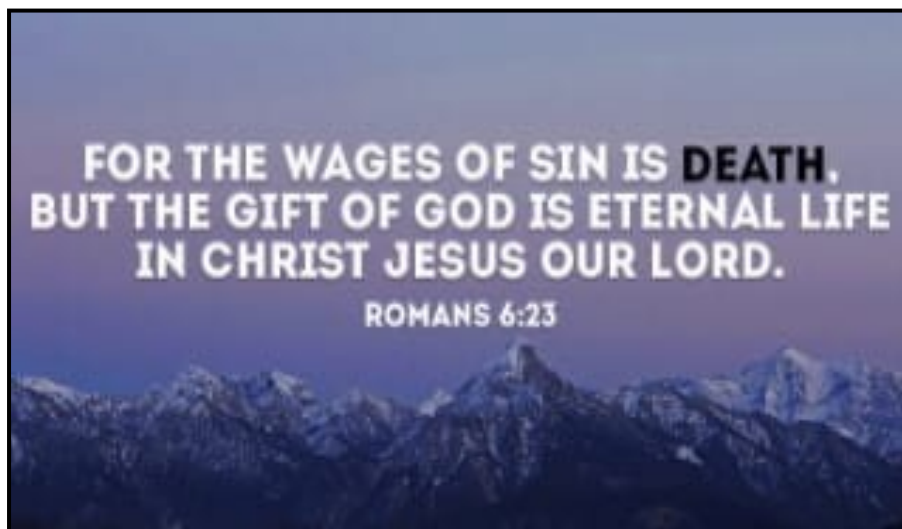
*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

<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

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

**C:** Praise to You, Lord Christ!

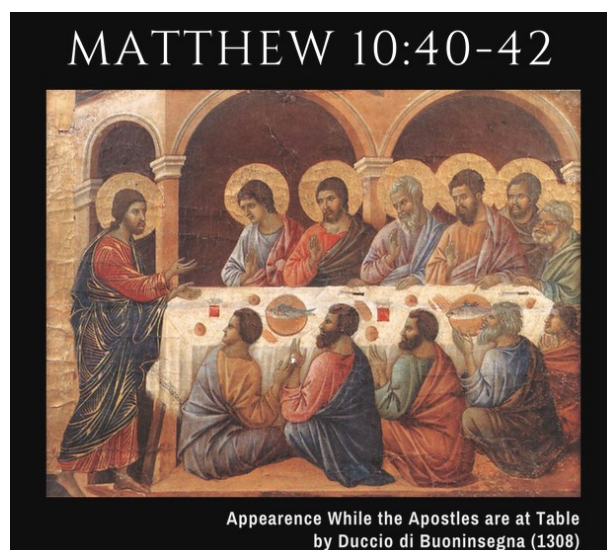
### **GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42**

*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"*

**Blessed Be Your Name**

1. Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where the 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

Chorus: Every blessing you pour out, I 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

2. 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

3. Every blessing you pour out, I 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

Bridge: You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord, Blessed be your name

# **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

**Bubba Flowers**

### 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.

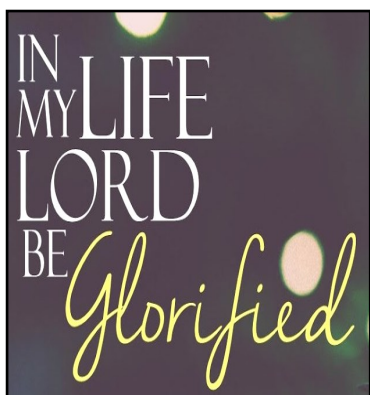
You can also give thru the New Life website [NewLifeLutheran.com](http://NewLifeLutheran.com). There is a give page and donate options on most of the tabs main pages.

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!*



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

Text: Bob Kilpatrick  
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## 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

### MEN

You are holy  
You are mighty  
You are worthy  
Worthy of praise

I will follow  
I will listen  
I will love You  
All of my days

### MEN

I will sing to  
And worship  
The King who  
Is worthy

I will love Him  
Adore Him  
I will bow down  
before Him

I will sing to  
And worship  
The King who  
Is worthy

I will love Him  
Adore Him  
I will bow down  
Before Him

You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You.  
You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You.

## Prince of Peace

### WOMEN

(You are holy)  
(You are mighty)  
(You are worthy)  
(Worthy of praise)

(I will follow)  
(I will listen)  
(I will love you)  
(All of my days)

### WOMEN

(You're the lord of lords)  
(You're the king of kings)  
(You are mighty God)  
(Lord of everything)

(You're Emmanuel)  
(You're the Great I am)  
(You're the Prince of Peace)  
(Who is the lamb)

You're the living God)  
(You're my saving grace)  
(You will reign forever)  
(You are ancient of days)

(You are Alpha Omega)  
(Beginning and End)  
(You're my Savior Messiah)  
(Redeemer and friend)



## WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia and Amen!





## 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!)

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.