



## RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING

*Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship*

**Pentecost 5**

**July 5, 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 mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

**FAITH5 - GATHER**

**WELCOME & NEWS**

**O Come to the Altar**



Are you hurting and broken within?  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?  
Jesus is calling

**Chorus**

**O come to the altar**  
**The Father's arms are open wide**  
**Forgiveness was bought with**  
**The precious blood of Jesus Christ**  
Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling **CHORUS X2**

**Bridge** **Oh what a savior**  
**Isn't He wonderful?**  
**Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen**  
**Bow down before Him**  
**For He is Lord of all**  
**Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen**

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you found  
Jesus is calling **CHORUS X2**

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Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?  
Jesus is calling

## 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

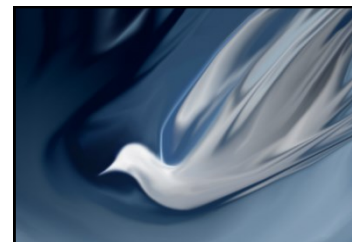
P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ☩ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy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

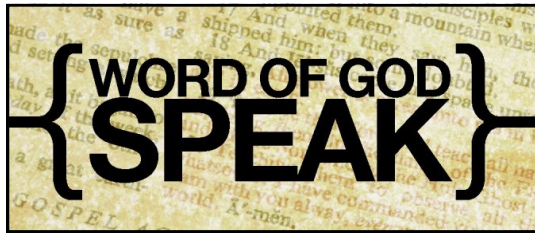
C: **Amen!**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**





## Word of God Speak

I'm finding myself at a loss for words  
And the funny thing is it's okay  
The last thing I need is to be heard  
But to hear what You would say

*CHORUS:* Word of God speak

Would You pour down like rain  
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty  
To be still and know that You're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness  
Word of God speak

I'm finding myself in the midst of You  
Beyond the music, beyond the noise  
All that I need is to be with You  
And in the quiet hear Your voice. *CHORUS*

I'm finding myself at a loss for words  
And the funny thing is it's okay



Mercy 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. You are great, O God,

**C:** and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, 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: Zechariah 9:9-12

*The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.



*Here ends the reading.*

## Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a *(Bold - verse for FAITH5)*

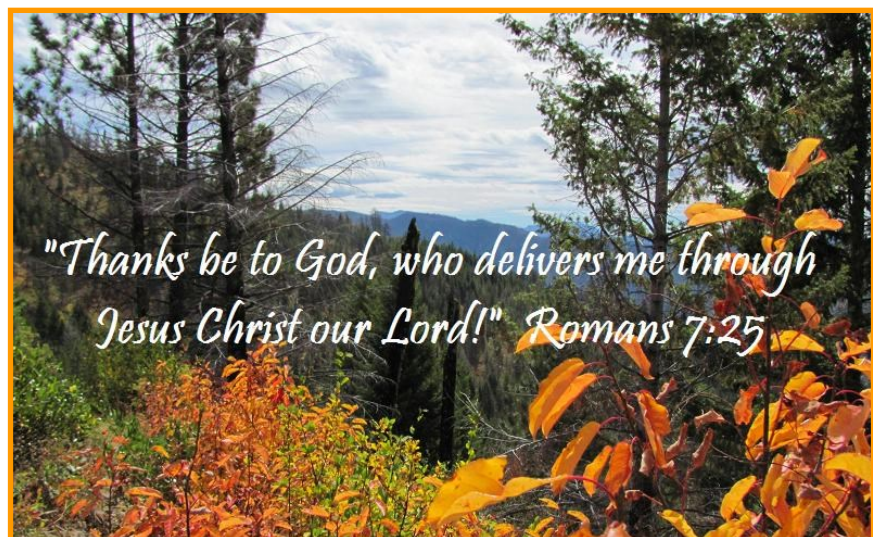
*Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

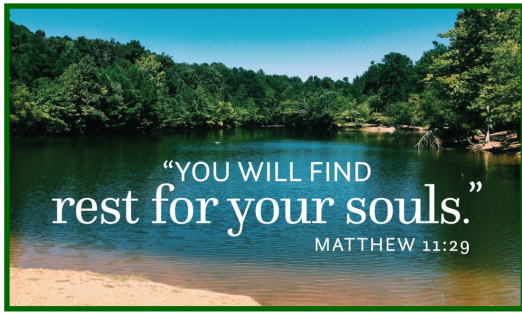
<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>**Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

R: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**





# Gospel

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## READING

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

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

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’;

<sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

<sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**P:** Word of God. Word of Life!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

- 1     What a friend we have in Jesus,  
      all our sins and griefs to bear!  
      What a privilege to carry  
      ev'rything to God in prayer!  
      Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
      oh, what needless pain we bear--  
      all because we do not carry  
      ev'rything to God in prayer!
  
- 2     Have we trials and temptations?  
      Is there trouble anywhere?  
      We should never be discouraged--  
      take it to the Lord in prayer.  
      Can we find a friend so faithful  
      who will all our sorrows share?  
      Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--  
      take it to the Lord in prayer.
  
- 3     Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
      cumbered with a load of care?  
      Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
      take it to the Lord in prayer.  
      Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
      Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
      In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
      you will find a solace there.





# 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.

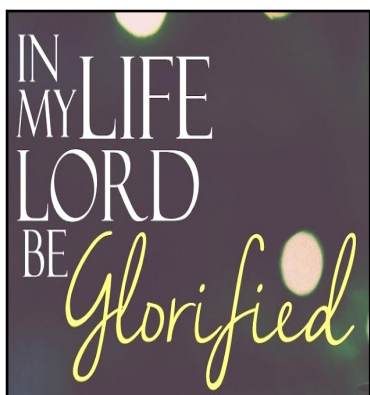
You can also give thru the New Life website [NewLifeLutheran.com](http://NewLifeLutheran.com)  
There is a give page and donate options on most of the tabs main pages.

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 28th, New Life has received \$29,397 of the \$30,490 (96%) 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: We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for the nations (*especially the United States and Canada, celebrating their nationhood*). Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed (*especially*). Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

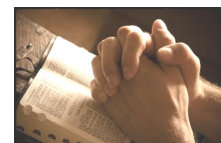
P: We pray for this congregation. Bless pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. Energize children's ministry volunteers, church administrators, and those who maintain our building. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: We give thanks for those who have died in faith (*especially*). Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**





**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

### Lean on Me

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain  
We all have sorrow  
But if we are wise  
We know that there's always tomorrow.

*Chorus* Lean on me, when you're not strong.  
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on.  
For it won't be long, 'til I'm gonna need,  
Somebody to lean on.

Please swallow your pride,  
If I have things you need to borrow.  
For no one can fill those of your needs  
That you don't let show. *Chorus*

If there is a load you have to bear,  
That you can't carry.  
I'm right up the road, I'll share your load  
If you just call me.

So just call on me brother, when you need a hand.  
We all need somebody to lean on.  
I just might have a problem that you'd understand.  
We all need somebody to lean on. *Chorus*



Text: Bill Withers

## WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia and Amen!



# FAITH 5

## 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 7:25a

**Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

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

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

- 1) Give thanks to the Lord today for a prayer that God answered this year.
- 2) Give thanks to God for Jesus and how He blessed you this week.
- 3) Give thanks to God for the people in your life, especially your neighbors.