



## RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING

*Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship*

**Pentecost 6**

**July 12, 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:**

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

## FAITH5 - GATHER

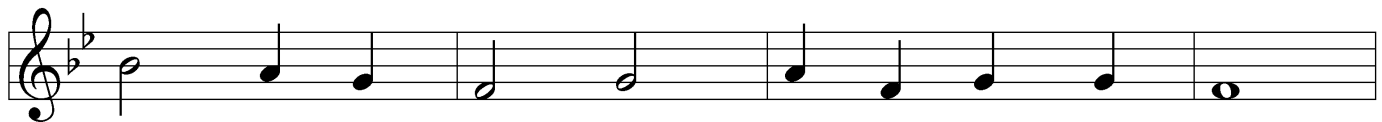
## WELCOME &amp; NEWS



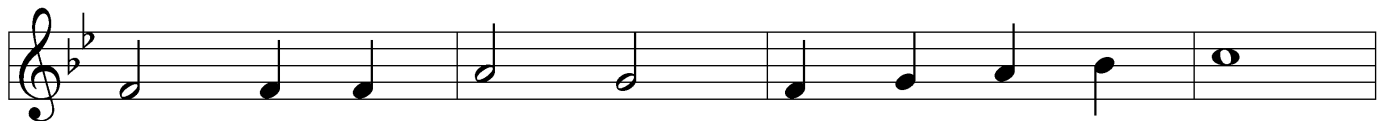
## Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



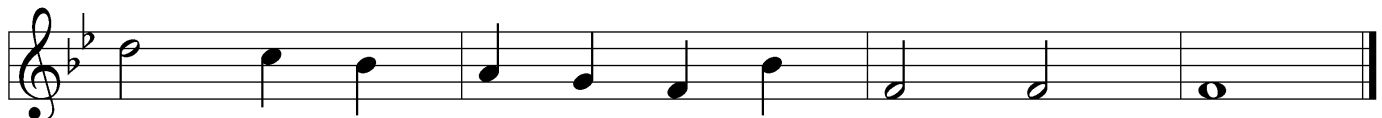
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dreams, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

## 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

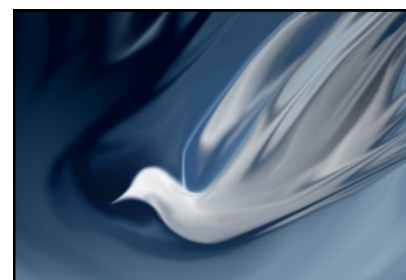
P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ☩ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy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

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**





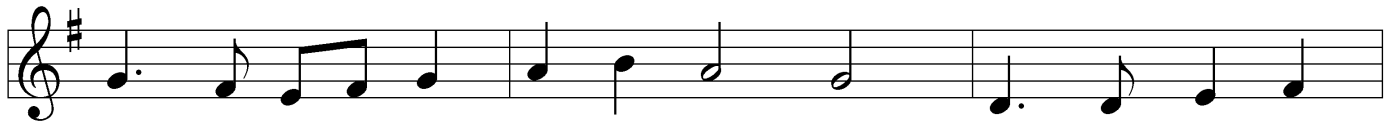
## Word of God, Come Down on Earth



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from  
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our  
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth  
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
 mor - tal blind - ness; deaf we are: our heal - er be;  
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the  
 loose our tongues to tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in  
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.  
 world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.  
 pit - y spo - ken, heal the world, by our sin bro - ken.  
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Text: James Quinn, SJ, b. 1919  
 Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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## 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. Almighty God,

C: **we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, 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: Isaiah 55:10-13

*God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.*

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,

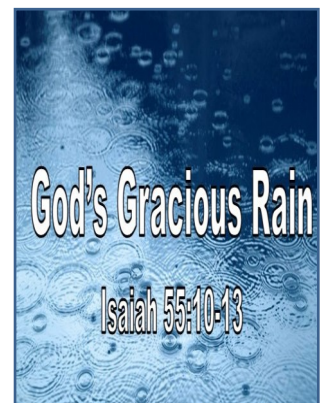
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.



*Here ends the reading.*





## Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13

Your paths overflow with plenty. *(Ps. 65:11)*

<sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

**<sup>2</sup>To you, the one who answers prayer,  
to you all flesh shall come.**

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are stronger than we are,  
but you blot out our transgressions.

**<sup>4</sup>Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to  
dwell there!**

**They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the  
holiness of your temple.**

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our  
salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

**<sup>6</sup>You make firm the mountains by your power;  
you are girded about with might.**

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

**<sup>8</sup>Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your  
marvelous signs;  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. ]**

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;  
the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

**<sup>10</sup>You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

**<sup>12</sup>May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,  
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

<sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak  
themselves with grain;  
let them shout for joy and sing.

## Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

*There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

R: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God!



## GOSPEL VERSE

# Gospel

READING



*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 13:1-9, 18-23** (*Bold - verse for FAITH5*)

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>**But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."**

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.

## "Tilling the Soil"



## Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;  
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;  
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect and feed me from day to day.  
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.  
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
 and noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.  
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.  
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825–1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978  
 Music: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE, Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860

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## **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 Wednesday, July 8th, New Life has received \$8,455 of \$30,490 (27.6%), the Minimum July 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: Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for missionaries and newly planted congregations around the world. Inspire us by their witness to the faith we share. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Creating God, the mountains and hills burst into song and the trees and fields clap their hands in praise. We pray for the birds and animals who make their home in the trees, and for lands stripped bare by deforestation. Empower us to sustainably use what you have given. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Reigning God, we pray for our nation's leaders. Increase their desire for justice and equality. We pray for our enemies. Bridge the chasms that divide us and guide authorities to a deep and lasting peace. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Abiding God, care for all who are in need (*especially*). For those who are doubting, renew faith. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those in fear, give hope. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Renewing God, revive your church in this place. Nourish and nurture the seeds you have planted, that we might grow as disciples. Replace what has been depleted. Sustain our ministries and deepen relationships with the wider community. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Eternal God, we give thanks for all who have died. Comfort us in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. 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.**





**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

### Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing, the  
 2 With praise and thanks-giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing, the

peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave.  
 tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed the  
 Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em -

fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
 brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of his teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach-ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in - vite us, his love shall u - nite us to  
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing give

work for God's king - dom and an - swer his call.  
 hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

## WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

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





Texas - Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.



Pastor Morgan Gates is a First Call candidate in the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod and recent graduate of the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago where she earned her Master of Divinity. In June she completed her year-long Pastoral Internship with +KINDRED Lutheran Church in the Montrose neighborhood of Houston. She and her wife Katie are Texas natives and live near downtown Houston where Katie works as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). While Morgan waits for Assignment and First Call she spends her time cross-stitching, playing guitar, reading, and supply preaching for congregations like New Life! Morgan looks forward to receiving her Regional and Synodical Assignment for First Call at the end of September and asks for your prayers as she discerns and waits to see where the Holy Spirit will send her to serve.

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Hello, families and kiddos!

Please read and spend time together as a family!



### **Matthew 13:23**

But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.

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

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

- 1) Share when you saw God producing good fruit in / through you.
- 2) How can you keep your soil good?
- 3) What good word can you hear from God today? Do you understand it?
- 4) Pray to God for good soil and hearing and understanding God's Word.