



RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING

Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship

Pentecost 9

August 2, 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:

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

FAITH5 - GATHER

WELCOME & NEWS



More Love, More Power

More love (echo), more power (echo)

More of You in my life

More love (echo), more power (echo)

More of You in my life

And I will worship You with all of my heart

And I will worship You with all of my mind

And I will worship You with all of my strength

For You are my Lord (repeat all of above)

And I will seek Your face with all of my heart

And I will seek Your face with all of my mind

And I will seek Your face with all of my strength

For You are my Lord

You are my Lord.

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 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

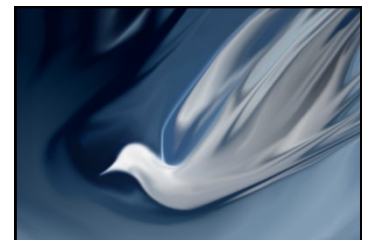
P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ☩ Christ Jesus. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen!**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

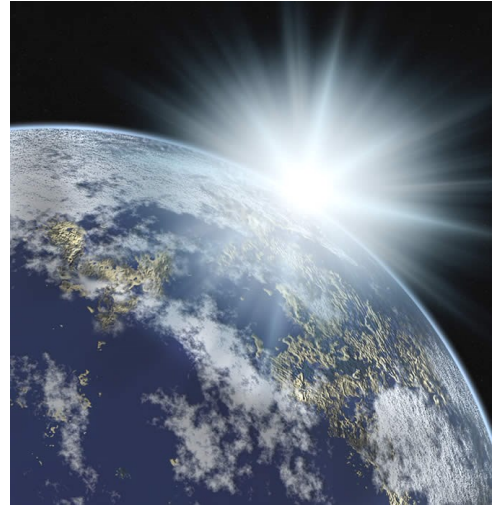


You Are the Light of the World

You are the light of the world,
you are the light of the world,
so shine, shine, shine where you are.
You are the light of the world.

You are a city on the hill,
you are a city on the hill,
so shine, shine, shine where you are.
You are a city on the hill.

You are a candle in the night,
you are a candle in the night,
so shine, shine, shine where you are.
You are a candle in the night.



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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Glorious God,

C: **your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; 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

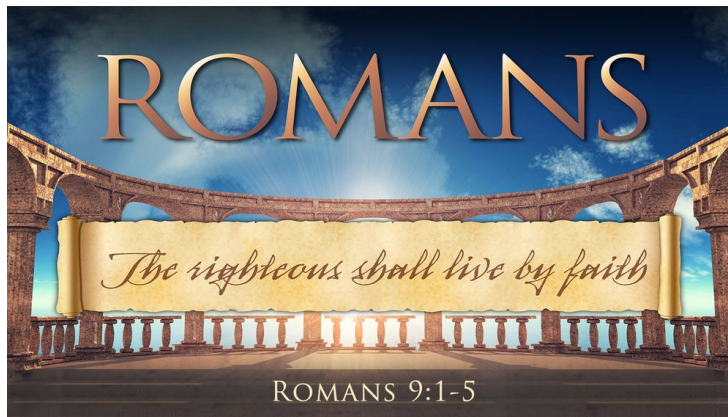


First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

- ¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
- ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Here ends the reading.



Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit — ²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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 14:13-21

(Bold - verse for FAITH5)

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴**When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.** ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.



"Compassion Finds a Way"

NO MATTER WHAT
(I will not let you go!)

**CHORUS**

No matter what, no matter what may come,
No matter what may come, I will not let you go.

1. Seed blown by the wind
Buried in winter and frozen
Remember the water that graced your head
Rain in the spring that brings life from what's dead
This season will pass but my promise will remain. *Chorus*
2. Child bitter with rage
Blind and broken under this weight
Seek me first and you will find
Righteousness for your heart and peace for your mind
I came to find you, in me you will be found. *Chorus*
3. Bread made from the seed
Leavened with love by God's grace-filled hands
The wine is poured, his joy comes to all
New life for you now ; so hear Jesus' call
Come follow me, child, my kingdom will not fall. *Chorus*
4. This Love is for you
No matter what you do
It does not depend
On who you are or where you have been
On what you've said or what you have seen. *Chorus*

THE OFFERING IS GIVEN

Giving is good for the giver; promoting our trust in God and providing blessings to the world.

THE OFFERTORY

NewLife Houseband

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.

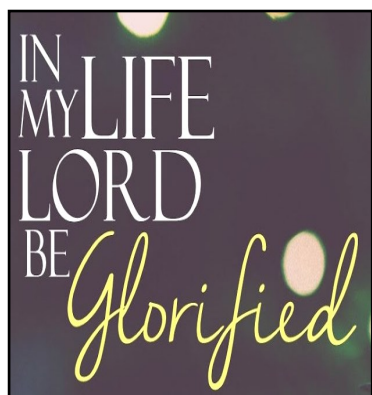
Once it is set-up, it takes seconds to give again.

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 For July New Life has received: \$19,549 of \$28,248 needed (69%)
For the Year (With 2 days left in July for any online Vanco funds to be added):
\$185,152 of \$211,506 needed (87.5%) 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.
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: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P: You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation. Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness, that all nations will run to you and that nations who do not know you will find their joy in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give our congregation such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our 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: 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!

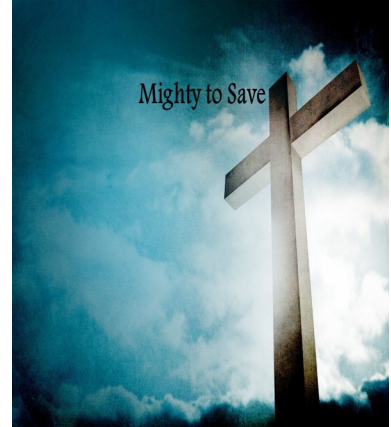
A SENDING SONG

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

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



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)**

WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

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





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UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 2nd – 8:00 a.m. Tailgate Worship with Livestream & 10:30 a.m. – Livestream Worship

August 9th – 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – Livestream Worship

August 16th – 8:00 a.m. Tailgate Worship with Livestream & 10:30 a.m. – Livestream Worship

August 23rd – 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – Livestream Worship



Hello, families and kiddos!

Please read and spend time together as a family!



Matthew 14:14 "When Jesus went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick."

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

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

1. Can you tell about a time when you were sick and then got better? How was Jesus involved?
2. What are some of the ways that Jesus works through other people to help you?
3. Even if you cannot cure another person's sickness, what can you do to be like Jesus and help them?