



RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING
Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship

Pentecost 10
August 9, 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:

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

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

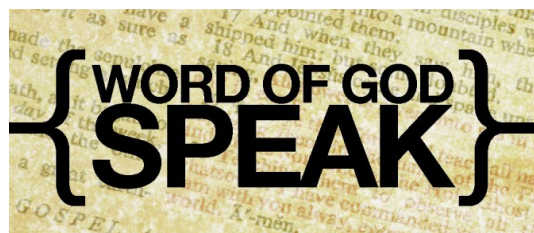
CHORUS: Word of God speak

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

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And the funny thing is it's okay

Mercy Me



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.



Open Up The Heavens

Leader 1 We've waited for this day
We're gathered in your name, calling out to you
Your glory like a fire awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth.
You're the reason we're here.
You're the reason we're singing! Refrain

Refrain (All Sing)

O - pen up the heav - ens; we want to see You.
O - pen up the flood - gates: a might - y riv - er ___
flow - ing from Your heart, fill - ing ev - 'ry part of our ___ praise. ___

Leader 2 Your presence in this place.
Your glory on our face, we're looking to the sky.
Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now;
Lord, unveil our eyes.
You're the reason we're here.
You're the reason we're singing! Refrain X2

Houseband Show us, show us your glory.
Show us, show us your power.
Show us, show us your glory, Lord. X2

Refrain x3

GREETING

From Meredith Andrews "Worth It All"

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 our defender,

C: **storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, 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: 1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said

to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Here ends the reading.

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

"The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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 14:22-33

(Bold - verse for FAITH5)

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. **²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."**

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.

"New Order Out of Disorder"

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky *Here I Am, Lord*

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
 I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in deepest sin
 my hand will save.
 I, who made the stars of night,
 I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them?
 Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
 I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them.
 They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them.
 Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
 I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them.
 My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide
 till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them.
 Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

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THE OFFERING IS GIVEN

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

THE OFFERTORY

New Life Houseband

"Oceans: Where Feet May Fail "

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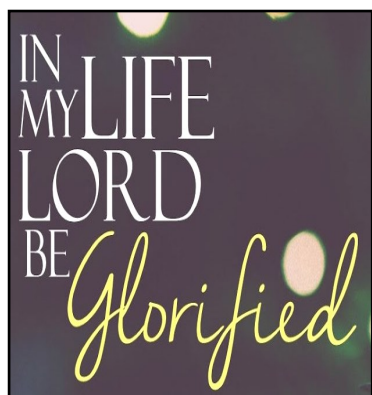
You can also give thru the New Life website NewLifeLutheran.com There is a give page and donate options on most of the tabs main pages.

Checks can also be dropped off at the Church or mailed in.

Thank you for supporting New Life's ministry.

Giving Update August giving at New Life: \$5,528 of \$28,248 needed (19.6%)

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, ...

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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: For your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: "Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid." May we follow Christ wherever he leads. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Help the human family endeavor to sustain and be sustained by the resources of your hand. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the nations and their leaders. In you, steadfast love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss. May nations in conflict know the peace that is the fruit of justice, and the justice that is the path to peace. 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: For those in need. Everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Accompany all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are frustrated in their search for an affordable place to live. We pray for those suffering this day (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For our congregation. You have gathered us here today as your people and we thank you for this gift. We pray for those who are new to this community, for students and teachers preparing for a new school year, and for those struggling with unexpected hardship. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for the saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our community whom you have gathered to yourself. 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!

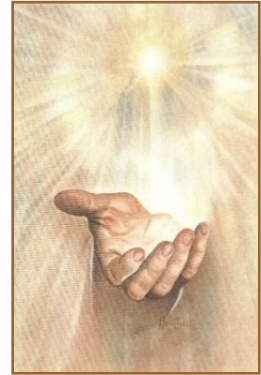
A SENDING SONG

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

- 1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

**Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**



- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain**
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain**

Text: Elisha Hoffman, 1839-1929

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

August 16th – 8:00 a.m. Livestream Tailgate Worship with Communion & 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 14:27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid"

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

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

1. Take turns: Talk about a time when you felt frightened.
2. How did Jesus help his disciple friends when they were afraid? What did he say?
3. What are some ways you can help encourage another person?