

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

**Pentecost 11**  
**August 16, 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 Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

## Come As You Are

David Crowder

*Refrain (All Sing)*

*mf* Lay down your bur - dens, \_\_\_\_\_ lay down your shame.



All who are bro - ken \_\_\_\_\_ lift up your face. \_\_\_\_\_



O wan-der-er, come home; \_\_\_\_\_ you're not too \_\_\_ far.



Lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are. \_\_\_\_\_

Leader 1 Come out of sadness, wherever you've been.  
Come, broken-hearted, let rescue begin.  
Come find your mercy, O sinner, come kneel.  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

*Refrain*

Leader 2 Hope for the hopeless and all who have strayed:  
sit at the table and come taste the grace.  
Rest for the weary, a rest that endures.  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure.

*Refrain*

Leader 3 Come as you are now; you're never too lost.  
Fall in His arms at the foot of the cross.  
Joy for the morning, O sinner, be still.  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

*Refrain*

## 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

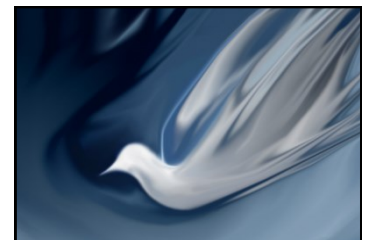
P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ☩ Christ Jesus. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

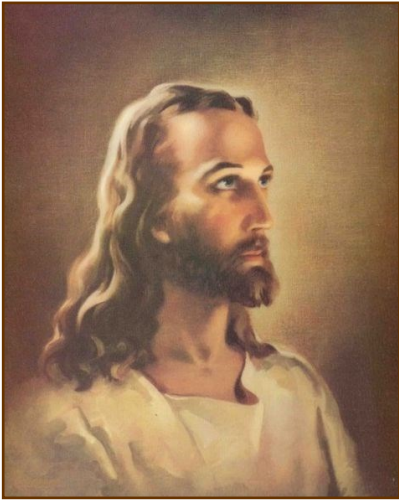
**C: Amen!**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**





## **Jesus, Help Me Find My Proper Place**

Jesus, help me find my proper place

Jesus, help me find my proper place

Help me in my weakness

When I have turned my back on grace

Jesus

Jesus

(3 X)

*Adapted from Lou Reed and the Blind Boys from Alabama*

## **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. God of all peoples,

C: **your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, 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 56:1, 6-8

*The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

*Here ends the reading.*

## Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

*God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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 15:[10-20] 21-28**

*(Bold - verse for FAITH5)*

[<sup>10</sup>Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:<sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup>He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup>Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>**But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."** <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.

**“Given More than Crumbs”**

**Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life,

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;

from the cross to the grave,

from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high. *(Repeat)*

Text: Rick Founds  
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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

### 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.

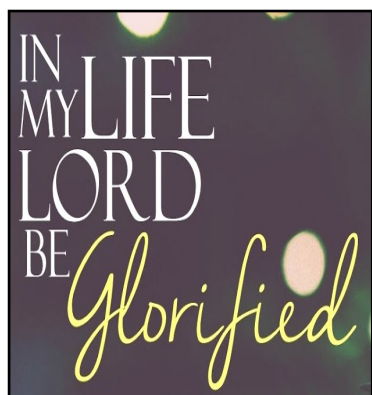
You can also give thru the New Life website [NewLifeLutheran.com](http://NewLifeLutheran.com) There is a give page and donate options on most of the tabs main pages.

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

Thank you for supporting New Life's ministry.

[Giving Update](#) August giving at New Life: \$11,946 of \$28,248 needed (42.3%)

*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: Lord, you gather the church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, help your church discover and find blessing in the faith of people we might reject. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: You have blessed us with the bounty of the earth. Grant your grace to all your creatures, that the earth will flourish. Relieve waters choked by garbage, renew soils stripped of nutrients, and refresh the air all creatures need to live. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: You call the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Let your way be known among all the nations of the world, now divided by competing interests, contending alliances, and consumed by enormous worry. Bless us and make your face shine upon all. 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 show unexpected mercy, kindness, and generosity. We pray for those who do not have enough, for outcasts in our villages, cities, and town, and for those who need your healing (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: In you we live and move and have our being. Grant our congregation (name) grace to find our life refreshed in you. Accompany us in the rhythms of late summer. Give us rest and renewal, and strengthen us for mission in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Your eternal promises are more than we could ever imagine. As you gather all the saints (*especially*), join us also with them on the great day of your salvation. 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

### Forever

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good, He is above all things  
His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise  
With a mighty hand and outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever, forever

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
By the grace of God we will carry on  
His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever, forever *Repeat*



Chris Tomlin



## 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.

## UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**August 16<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 a.m. Livestream Tailgate Worship with Communion & 10:30 a.m. - Livestream Worship**

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Livestream Worship**



Hello, families and kiddos!

Please read and spend time together as a family!



**Matthew 15:25**

**But she came and knelt before Jesus, saying, "Lord, help me."**

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

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

1. Talk about a time or situation when you needed a helping hand.
2. When was the last time you helped another person? What did you do?
3. What kinds of things can you ask for Jesus to help you with?