

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

Pentecost 12
August 23, 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:

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

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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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

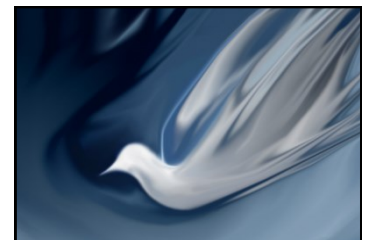
P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ☩ Christ Jesus. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.





Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Refrain:

Jesus Messiah, name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, The ransom from Heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body, the bread, His blood, the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth tremble and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, Love so amazing. **Refrain**

All our hope is in You! All our hope is in You!
All the glory to You, God: The light of the world **Refrain**

*Words and music by Chris Tomlin, Christopher Dwayne Tomlin,
Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves*

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. O God,

C: **with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BackPack Blessing

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 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

- ¹ Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
- ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
- ³ For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.
- ⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
- ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
- ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a
garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Here ends the reading.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

(*Bold - verse for FAITH5*)

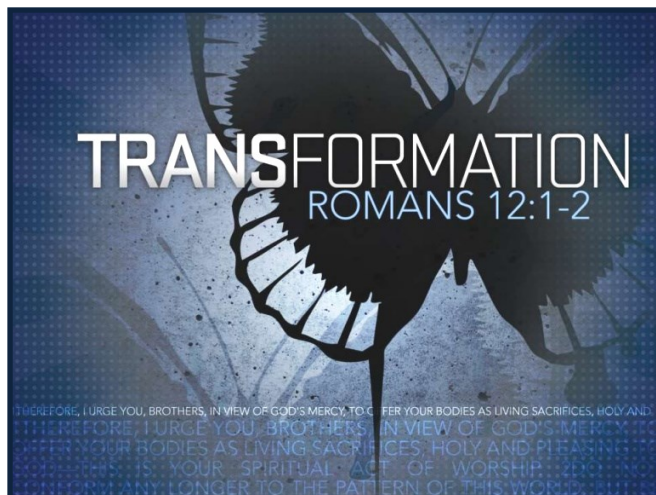
A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is in response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

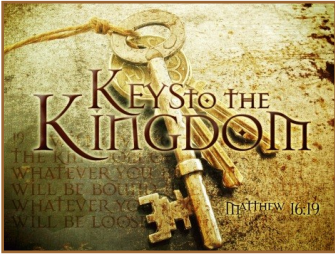
¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸**the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.**

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!

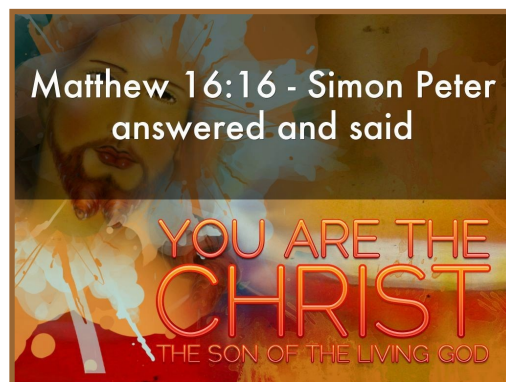
GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.



Heart of Worship

Verse 1:

When the music fades
All is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring
Something that's of worth
That will bless your heart



Pre-chorus:

I'll bring you more than a song
For a song in itself
Is not what you have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus:

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about you,
It's all about you, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about you,
It's all about you, Jesus

Verse 2:

King of endless worth
No one could express
How much you deserve
Though I'm weak and poor
All I have is yours
Every single breath

(Pre-chorus)

(Chorus X2)

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.

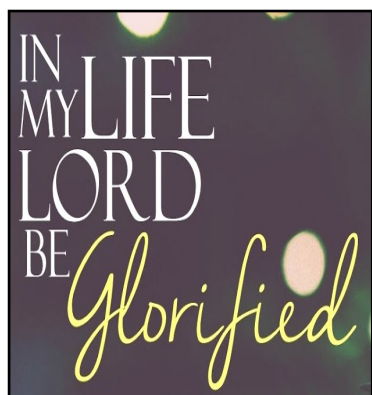
You can also give thru the New Life website NewLifeLutheran.com There is a give page and donate options on most of the tabs main pages.

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: \$13,390 of \$28,248 needed (47.4%)

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 our rock, you are our foundation in Jesus Christ. Prepare your church for its mission in bearing witness to Christ, both here at home and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You call forth praises from the far reaches of the universe to the smallest of creatures. Give us a spirit of praise and thanksgiving so that we may cherish this wondrous home you give us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord. Direct our leaders to walk in your ways. Help leaders show mercy and fulfill your loving purposes in the governance of peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us and fulfill your purpose for us. According to your steadfast love, grant healing to those who are hurting and in need of care (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You call us into this community of New Life. Help us to use the unique gifts you have given us for the building up of the church for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: You are the everlasting Rock. You restore your people to joy and gladness. In blessed memory and hope, we thank you for the lives of our beloved dead. Bring us with them to our heavenly home. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



P: Our hope is that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; 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.**

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

Amazing Love

1. I'm forgiven because You were forsaken,
I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I am alive and well, Your spirit is within me,
Because You died and rose again.

Chorus: Amazing love,
How can it be?
That You, my King would die for me?
Amazing love,
I know it's true.
It's my joy to honor You,
In all I do, I honor You.

2. I'm forgiven because You were forsaken,
I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I am alive and well, Your spirit is within me,
Because You died and rose again.

(Repeat chorus x2)

You are my King
Jesus You are my King
(Repeat x4)

WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia and Amen!



Text: Chris Tomlin





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UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Back Pack Blessing

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

Sunday School Start-Up

September 6th – 8:00 a.m. Livestream Tailgate Worship with Communion
& 10:30 a.m. – Livestream Worship

September 13th – 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – Livestream Worship

September 20th – 8:00 a.m. Livestream Tailgate Worship with
Communion & 10:30 a.m. – Livestream Worship

September 27th – 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – Livestream Worship

Gospel

Bible Study



Sunday Zoom Gospel Study Offered

Pastor Bill invites you to “The Inside Scoop!”, an online *Zoom* virtual Adult Christian Education class each Sunday at 9:30 a.m, beginning September 13. Each 30-minute session will feature a study and discussion of the Gospel Reading for that day.

Please sign up by replying to the email sent on August 18th by September 7, saying “Yes, please!” Include your name, phone number and email address. If you have questions, please include them in your email. When minimum class size of six participants plus Pastor has been reached, Pastor will send the link granting access to the *Zoom* meeting.

See you online!
Pastor Bill