



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

**Pentecost 15**  
**September 13, 2020**

**New Life Lutheran Church** 8:00 AM  
**Pearland, Texas**



*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!*

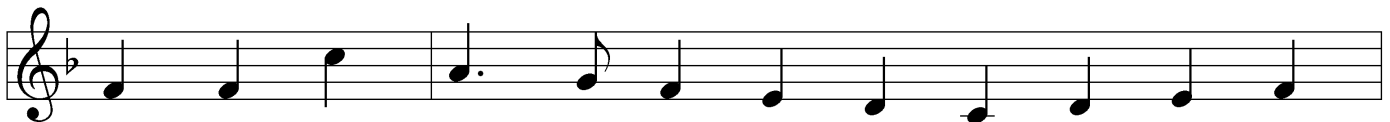
**TODAY @ NEW LIFE:**

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.



Sing verses 1, 2 & 4

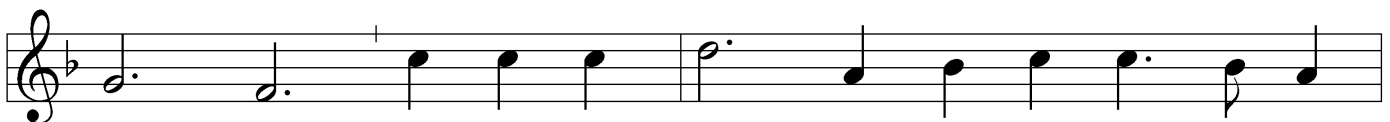
## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
~~2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly~~  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal -  
~~reign - ing and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus -~~  
 fend you; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at -  
 dore him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be -



va - tion! Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw  
~~tain - ing Have you not seen all that is need - ful has~~  
 tend you. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can  
 fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a -



near, join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
~~been sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?~~  
 do if with his love he be - friend you.  
 gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

## CALL TO WORSHIP



P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

**C: who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. Amen!**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION



P: Faithful God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ABSOLUTION AND FORGIVENESS

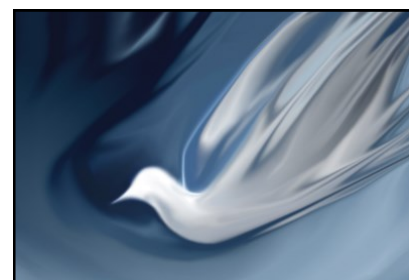
P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ Jesus. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**



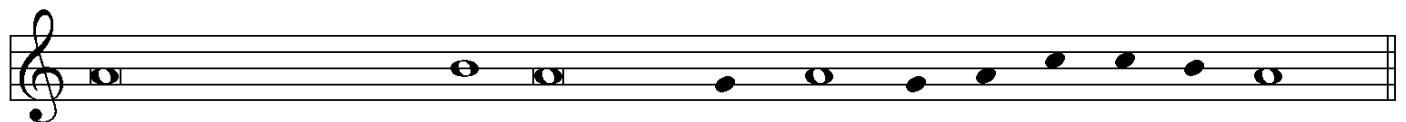
# GREETING

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.



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



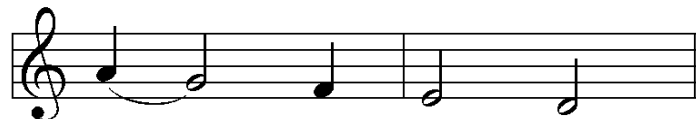
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



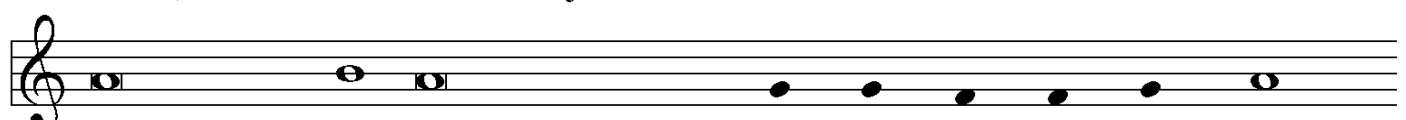
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



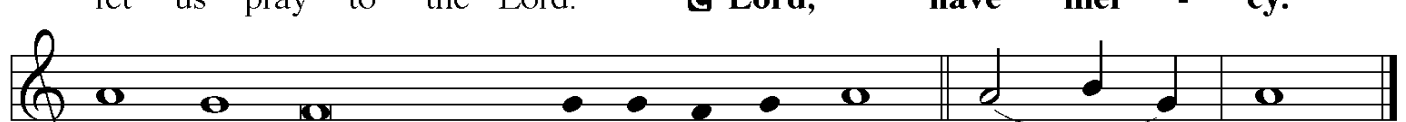
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

**HYMN OF PRAISE**



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



**B** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, merciful judge

C: **you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, 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: Genesis 50:15-21

*After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.*

- 15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said,  
"What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?"
- 16 So they approached Joseph, saying,  
"Your father gave this instruction before he died,
- 17 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father."  
Joseph wept when they spoke to him.
- 18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said,  
"We are here as your slaves."
- 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?  
20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.  
21 So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones."  
In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

*Here ends the reading.*



**Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13** (read responsively)

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy. (*Ps. 103:8*)

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- <sup>2</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits –**
- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;
- <sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**
- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup> **O LORD, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- <sup>7</sup> You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.
- <sup>8</sup> **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**
- <sup>9</sup> you will not always accuse us,  
nor will you keep your anger forever.
- <sup>10</sup> **You have not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**
- <sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
- <sup>12</sup> **As far as the east is from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**
- <sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion for his children,  
**so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.**

## Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

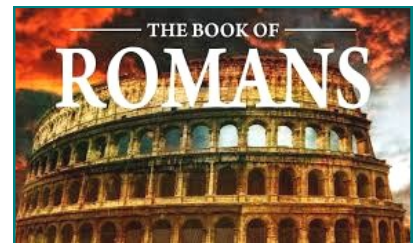
(*Bold - verse for FAITH5*)

*This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.*

- 1 Welcome those who are weak in faith,  
but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions.
- 2 Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.
- 3 Those who eat must not despise those who abstain,  
and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat;  
for God has welcomed them.
- 4 Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another?  
It is before their own lord that they stand or fall.  
And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.
- 5 **Some judge one day to be better than another,  
while others judge all days to be alike.  
Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.**
- 6 Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord.  
Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord,  
since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain,  
abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.
- 7 We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.
- 8 If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.
- 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again,  
so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
- 10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister?  
Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister?  
For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.
- 11 For it is written,  
    *“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
    and every tongue shall give praise to God.”*
- 12 So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

R: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**



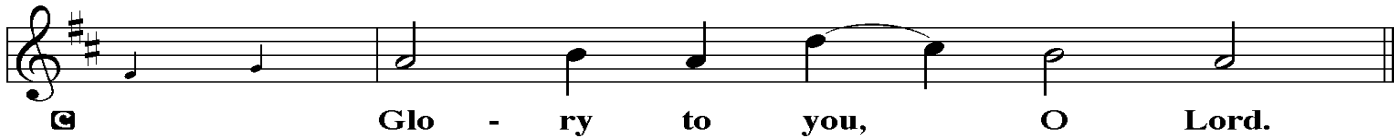


# Gospel

READING



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.



## GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

<sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.



Sing verses 1, 3 & 4

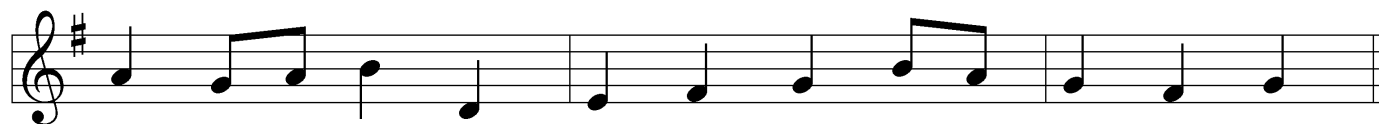
## Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
~~wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that~~  
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
~~we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.~~  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.  
 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810-1856

## **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.**

**FAITH5 - PRAY**

P: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: You welcome us when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith through Bible studies and Sunday schools, confirmation classes and youth ministries. Nurture new ministries of education and growth. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Make your ways known to the nations. Speak kindness to our bitter grudges. Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with violence. Bless our leaders with patience and wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger, and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*



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P: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## THE OFFERING IS GIVEN

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

THE OFFERTORY

*"The Lord's Prayer"*

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.

On in-person Parking lot Service Sundays, there will be a basket for donations out.

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

Thank you for supporting New Life's ministry.

Giving Update September giving at New Life: \$8451.81 of \$28,248 needed for the month. (29.9% )

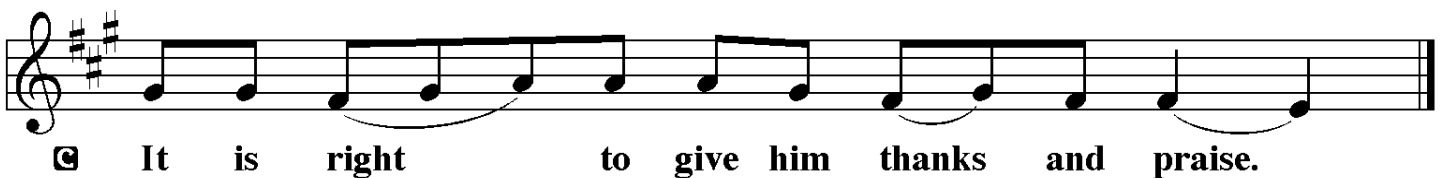
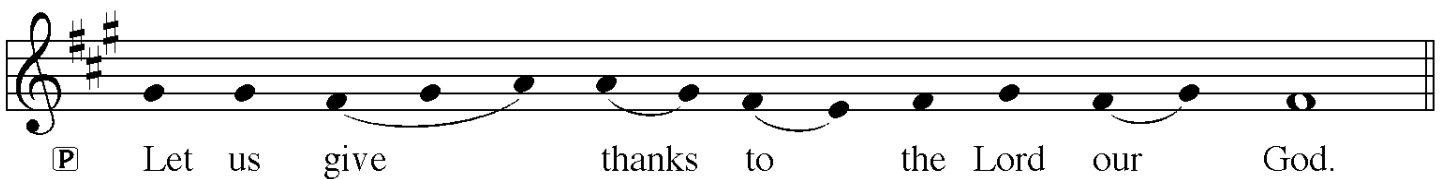
*Thank you!*

## THE OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

C: You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is truly right and good to give you thanks, O Lord, and that we offer praise to you, Father of mercy, faithful God.

You sent Jesus Christ your Son among us as redeemer and Lord. By his words and actions he proclaimed to the world that you care for us as parents care for their children.

And so, with angels and archangels, and all your saints we sing this joyful hymn of praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. "

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering then his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER



**C:** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P:** Take, eat and drink the bread and the cup to receive the Body and  
Blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

**C:** AMEN!



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P:** Let us pray. We give you thanks gracious God,

**C:** that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body  
and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,  
into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger  
and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by  
the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

## FAITH5 - BLESS

**P:** Mothering God, Father  $\oplus$  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you  
into the way of truth and life.

**C:** Amen!



## A SENDING SONG



# Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid-ed; great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

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Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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## WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen!





# All are Welcome

## NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

PEARLAND, TEXAS

### LIVE STREAMING SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY:

8:00am: Traditional Worship

*(Tailgate Worship & Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)*

10:30am: Contemporary Worship

### The Language of God's Stewards:

**TRUTH** **GRATITUDE** **LOVE** **FORGIVENESS**  
**BLESSING** **COMPASSION** **SACRIFICE**  
**WHOLE-LIFE MINISTRY**

### UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



September 13<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Livestream Worship

September 20<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 a.m. Livestream Tailgate Worship with  
 Communion & 10:30 a.m. - Livestream Worship

September 27<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Livestream Worship

**Gospel**

**Bible Study**



### Sunday Zoom Gospel Study Offered

Pastor Bill is hosting "The Inside Scoop!", an online *Zoom* virtual Adult Christian Education class each Sunday at 9:30 am, beginning September 13.

Each 30-minute session will feature a study and discussion of the Gospel Reading for that day.

Pastor Bill will send a link to the *Zoom* meeting from [pastor@newlifelutheran.com](mailto:pastor@newlifelutheran.com) if you responded via email. If you would like to join the class, please send your name, phone number and email address to the above email.