



# PARABLE OF THE WEDDING BANQUET

*The kingdom of heaven is like a king  
who prepared a wedding banquet for his son...*

MATTHEW 22:1-14

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

**Pentecost 19**  
**October 11, 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 Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

WELCOME & NEWS

Here in This Place  
*Gather Us In*

Sing verses 1 & 4



1 Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
~~2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who~~  
~~3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the~~  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
~~yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,~~  
~~bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,~~  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
~~called to be light to the whole hu - man race.~~  
~~call us a - new to be salt for the earth.~~  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
~~Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath-er us in, the~~  
~~Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the~~  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
~~proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,~~  
~~bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion—~~  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
~~give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.~~  
~~lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.~~  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## CALL TO WORSHIP



P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**C: 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, 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.

**C: Amen.**

## WORDS OF ABSOLUTION AND FORGIVENESS

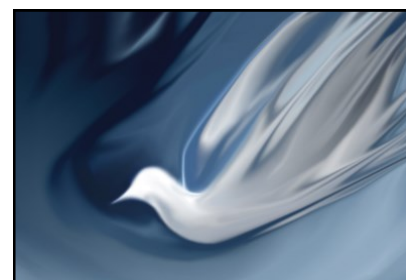
P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ Jesus. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**



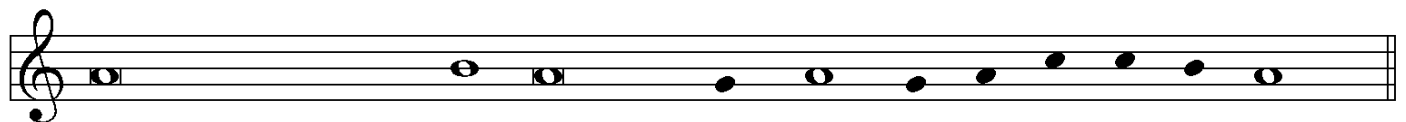
## GREETING

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.



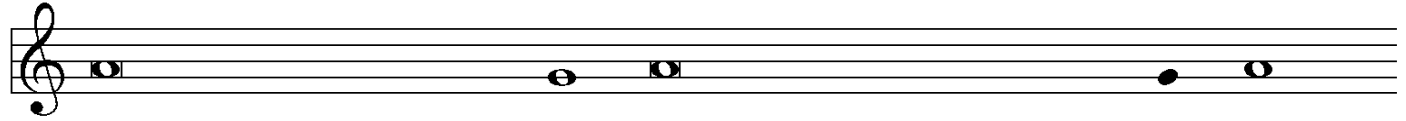
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



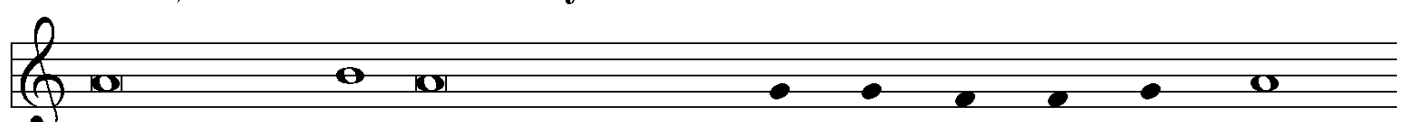
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



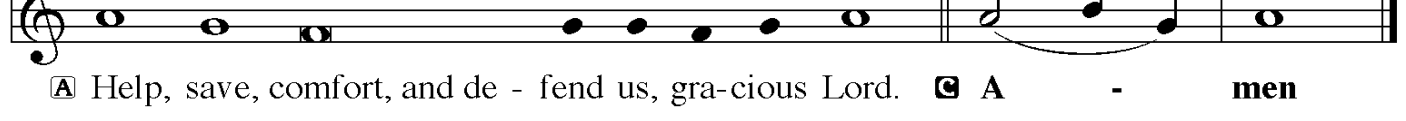
**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



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



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray. Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: 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 25:1-9

- 1 O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
- 2 For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.
- 3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
- 4 For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.  
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
- 5 the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
- 6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
- 7 And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;



8 he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
or the LORD has spoken.

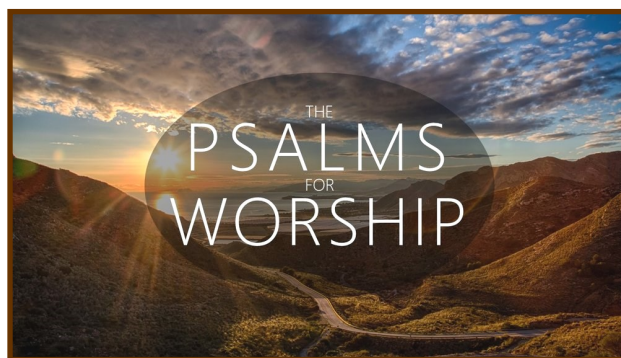
9 It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Here ends the reading.*



## **Psalm 23**

You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over. (Ps. 23:5)

1 The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

2 The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

3 You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

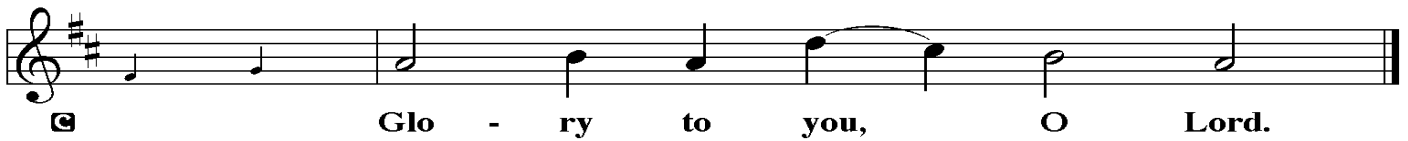


# Gospel

READING



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.



## GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.



## **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: With confidence in God’s grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious host, as you set a table in the presence of enemies, so bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevails. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill (*especially*). Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community (*local ministries can be named*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*



P: Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus 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

**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.

Checks can also be dropped off at the Church, placed in the offering plate or mailed in.

Thank you for supporting New Life's ministry.

**Giving Update September giving at New Life: \$7,827 of \$28,248 needed for the month. (27.7%)**

*Thank you!*

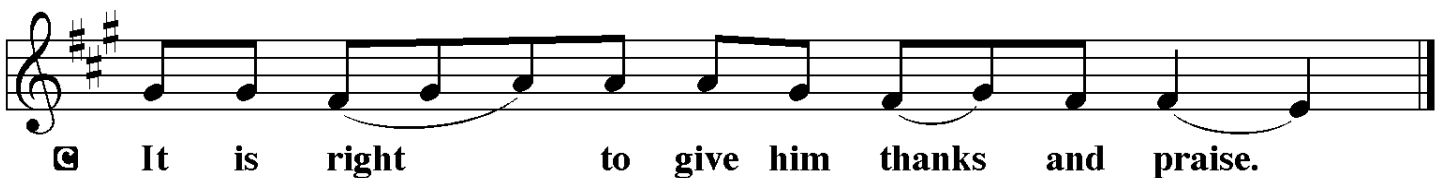
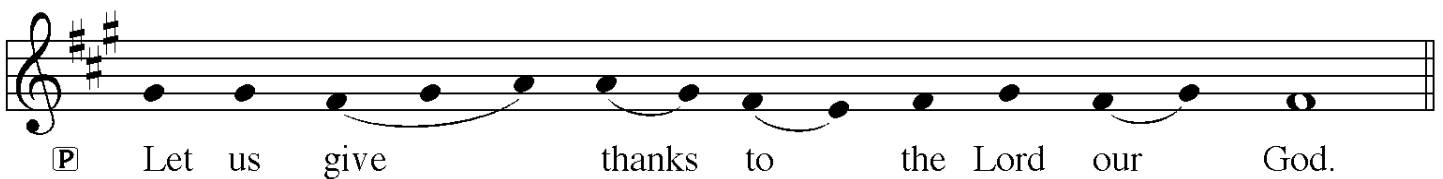
## THE OFFERING PRAYER

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

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.

**C: 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:** Come to the banquet table where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

**C:** AMEN!



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

**C:** Amen.

## FAITH5 - BLESS

**P:** Now may God, Father, ☩ Son and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

**C:** Amen!

## A SENDING SONG

Sing verses 1, 2 & 4



### Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;  
3 ~~You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;~~  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
~~you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.~~  
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
~~Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.~~  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847

Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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



Texas - Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod  
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
 God's work. Our hands.

#### October 11<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - In-Person & Livestream Worship

(Starting on October 11th, we are beginning in-person services. Because of limited capacity, reservations are needed. **"Don't forget to RSVP using the Google form in the Friday New Life News email for future services by noon on Thursday of each week!"**)

#### October 18<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - In-Person & Livestream Worship

#### October 25<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - In-Person & Livestream Worship

## Gospel

## Bible Study



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### Sunday Zoom Gospel Study

Join Pastor Bill in an online *Zoom* virtual Adult Christian Education

**Bible Study** each **Sunday at 9:30 am**. Each 30-minute session will feature a study and discussion of the Gospel Reading for that day.

If you would like to join the class, please send your **name, phone number and email address** to [pastor@newlifelutheran.com](mailto:pastor@newlifelutheran.com) and Pastor Bill will send you a link to the Zoom meeting and instructions. Come join in the conversation online!