

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

Pentecost 20
October 18, 2020

New Life Lutheran Church
Pearland, Texas

8:00 AM



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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 today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

WELCOME & NEWS



Sing verses 1 & 3

Blessed Assurance



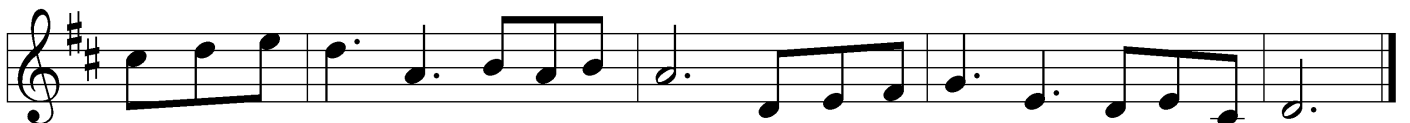
1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
~~an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.~~
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

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.

C: 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

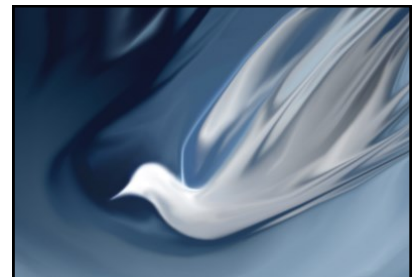
P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ Jesus. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

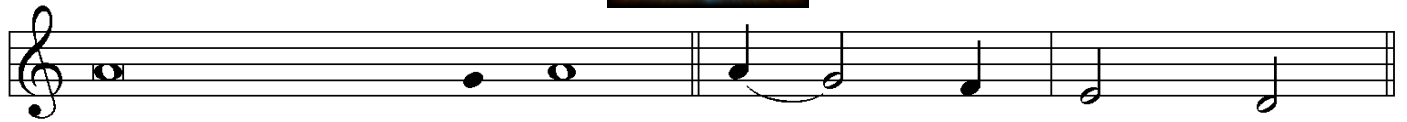
C: And also with you.



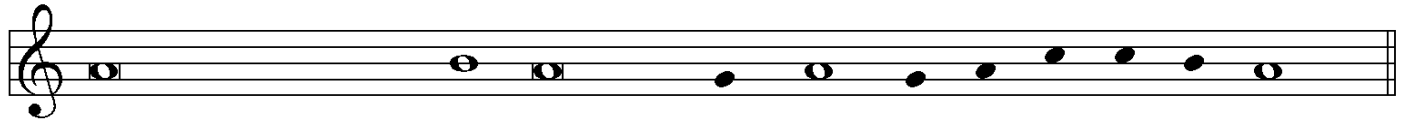
GREETING

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.



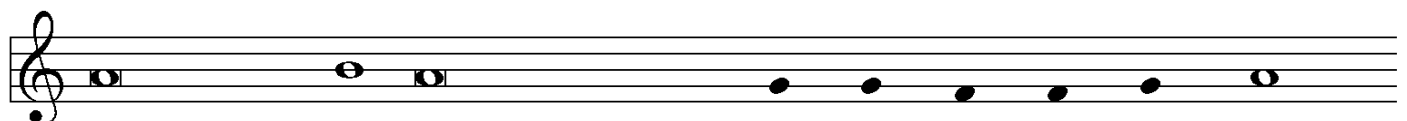
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



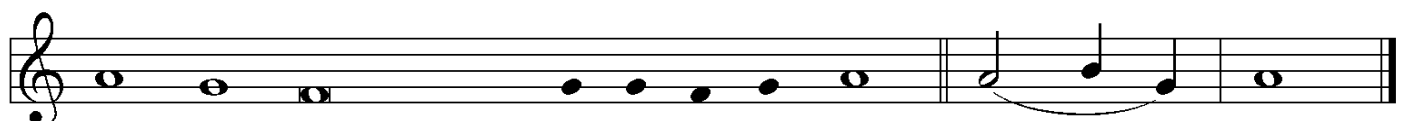
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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

P: Let us pray. Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, 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!*



Lutheran World Relief Quilt Blessing



Blessing

FAITH 5 - READ

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

- ¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him —
and the gates shall not be closed:
- ² I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
- ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
- ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
- ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
- ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
- ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.



Here ends the reading.

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

Ascribe to the LORD honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

[¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!**

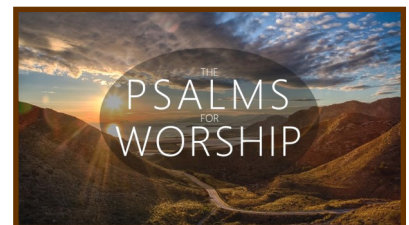
**The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will
judge the peoples with equity."**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that
is therein.

¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming,
O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.



Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

(Bold - verse for FAITH5)

- ¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.
- ² We always give thanks to God for all of you
and mention you in our prayers,
constantly ³remembering before our God and Father
your work of faith and labor of love
and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God,
that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel
came to you not in word only, but also in power
and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction;
just as you know what kind of persons
we proved to be among you for your sake.
- ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord,
for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy
inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example
to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.
- ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you
not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place
your faith in God has become known,
so that we have no need to speak about it.
- ⁹ **For the people of those regions report about us
what kind of welcome we had among you,
and how you turned to God from idols,
to serve a living and true God,**
- ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven,
whom he raised from the dead – Jesus,
who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

R: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

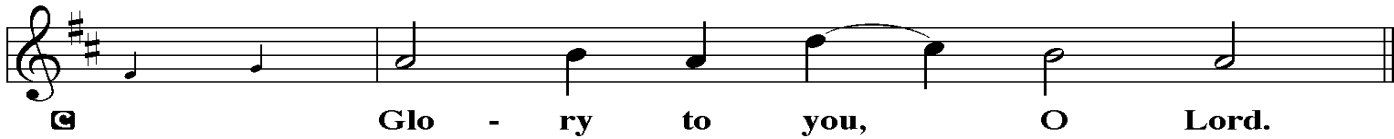


Gospel

READING



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

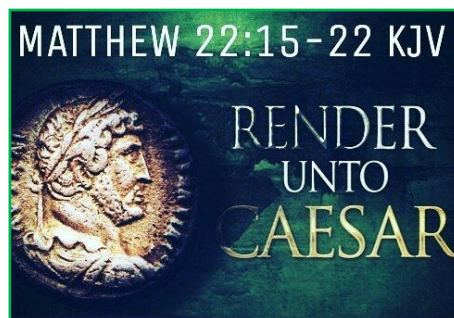


GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



P: God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt (*especially*). Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. 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. 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: \$13,053 of \$28,248 needed for the month. (46.2%)

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 The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

To God Be the Glory



1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done;
2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
to ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;



who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
the vil - est of - fend - er by grace may be - lieve,
but pur - cr, and high - cr, and great - er will be



and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceive.
our won - der, our vic - t'ry, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice!



Oh, come to the Fa - ther, through Je - sus the Son,



and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done.

WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God. Amen!



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
Music: TO GOD BE THE GLORY, William H. Doane, 1832-1915



All are Welcome

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

PEARLAND, TEXAS

The Language of God's Stewards:

TRUTH GRATTITUDE LOVE FORGIVENESS
 BLESSING COMPASSION SACRIFICE
 WHOLE-LIFE MINISTRY

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Men's Sunday

October 18th - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - In-Person & Livestream Worship

(Because of limited capacity, RSVPs 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!")

Reformation Sunday

October 25th - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. In-Person & Livestream Worship

(Because of limited capacity, RSVPs 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!")

Gospel

Bible Study



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 and Pastor Bill will send you a link to the Zoom meeting and instructions. Come join in the conversation online!