



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

Reformation Sunday
October 25, 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:

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

WELCOME & NEWS

Sing verses 1 & 4

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
~~2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be~~
~~3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -~~
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
~~los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the~~
~~do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his~~
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; for still our an - cient foe
~~man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?~~
~~truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,~~
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great,
~~Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,~~
~~we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,~~
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:



and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
~~from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.~~
~~for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.~~
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for - ev - er.

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

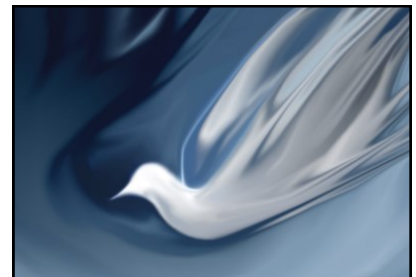
P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ Jesus. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.



GREETING

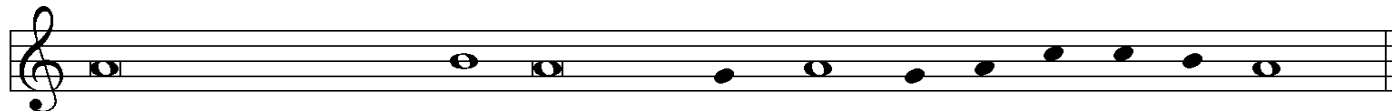
P: Grace and peace to all of you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; and may the inseparableness of the Holy Spirit be with everyone here!

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



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.



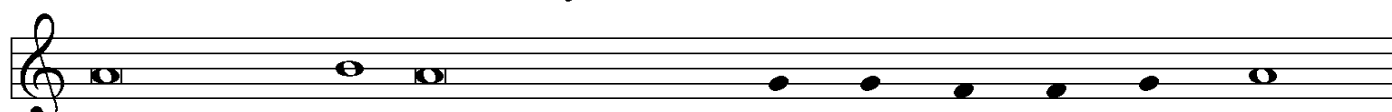
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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,



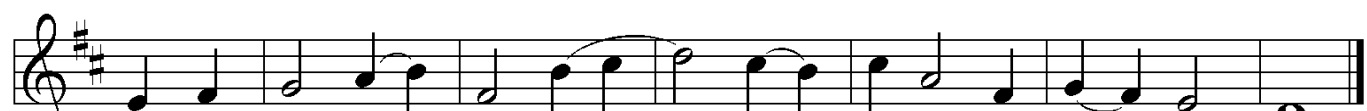
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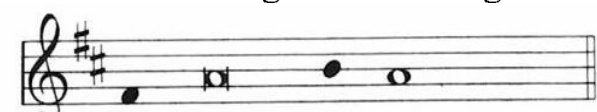
A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men



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. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

(Bold - verse for FAITH5)

- 31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
- 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.
- 33 **But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**
- 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Here ends the reading.





Psalm 46

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (*Ps. 46:7*)

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
- 3 though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
- 6 The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.
- 7 The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 8 Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
- 9 behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow,
and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- 10 "Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
- 11 The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.



Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

- ¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.
- ²⁰ For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.
- ²¹ But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets,
- ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;
- ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
- ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed;
- ²⁶ it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.
- ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith.
- ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

R: Word of God. Word of Life!

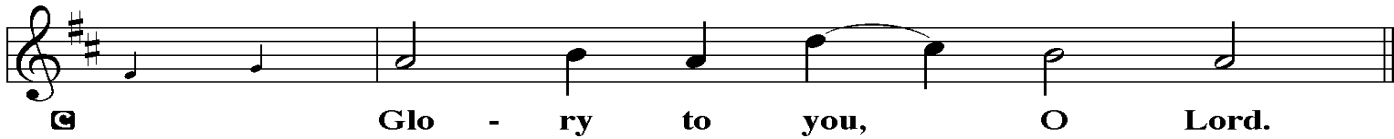
C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel

READING



The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.



GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

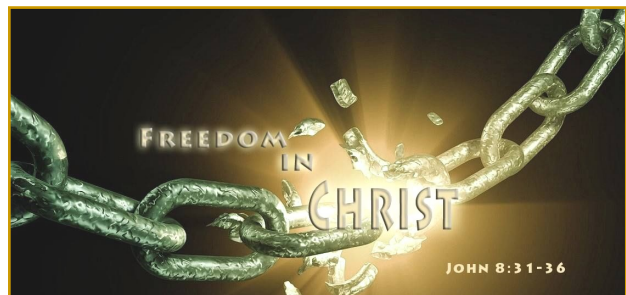
Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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: Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error, reform it. Where the church speaks your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: As the earth changes, as mountains shake and the waters roar, may we care for this planet as a holy habitation for all living things. Sustain all peoples and lands recovering from natural disasters of any kind (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Release those living in bondage to debts, chronic pain, or addiction. Grant healing touch to those who are ill (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: In this family of faith we give thanks for courageous voices that have remained firm in their commitment to the one who frees us from sin and death. Centered in your grace, unify us in the hope of the gospel. 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

Elna Ritter

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 October giving at New Life: \$15,991 of \$28,248 needed for the month. (56.6%)

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.

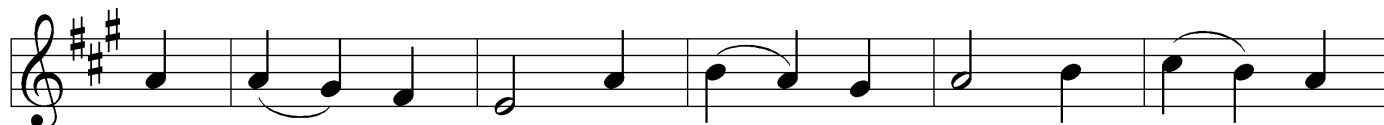
C: Amen!

A SENDING SONG



Sing verses 1 & 5

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a rise, a car - ing
4 For he a lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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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

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.

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!")

All Saints Sunday

November 1st - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. In-Person & Livestream Worship

Contact the office to submit names of your loved ones who have joined the Church Triumphant.
 office@newlifelutheran.com

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Drive-Thru Fish Fry, Quilt Sale and Halloween Candy Bag Distribution, Friday, Oct. 30th.



The men and women of New Life are holding a Drive Thru Fish Fry on Friday, October 30th from 5pm – 7pm. There will also be quilts displayed for sale and treat bags of Halloween treats will be handed out to kids that night. Pre-Order your dinners via the church sign-up or by calling the office by Wednesday, Oct. 28th. On Halloween evening treats will also be handed out under the porch in front of the Church driveway.



Sunday Zoom Gospel Study

Gospel Bible 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!

