

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

**Reformation Sunday**  
**October 25, 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:** 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.

Gathering Songs

New Life House Band

WELCOME & NEWS



**More Love, More Power**

More love (echo), more power (echo)

More of You in my life

More love (echo), more power (echo)

More of You in my life

And I will worship You with all of my heart  
And I will worship You with all of my mind  
And I will worship You with all of my strength  
For You are my Lord (repeat all of above)

And I will seek Your face with all of my heart  
And I will seek Your face with all of my mind  
And I will seek Your face with all of my strength  
For You are my Lord  
You are my Lord.

Artist: Jude Del Hierro  
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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, 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

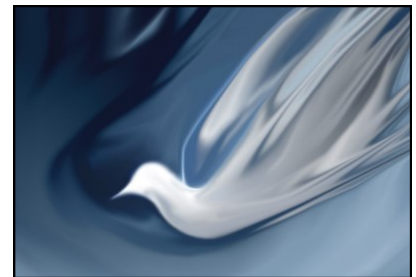
**P:** God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of  $\text{✝}$  Christ Jesus. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

**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.

## 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)*

- <sup>31</sup> 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.
- <sup>32</sup> 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.
- <sup>33</sup> **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.**
- <sup>34</sup> 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.*

## Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

*Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

- <sup>19</sup> 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.
- <sup>20</sup> 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.
- <sup>21</sup> But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets,
- <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;
- <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
- <sup>25</sup> 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;
- <sup>26</sup> it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.
- <sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith.
- <sup>28</sup> 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

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## READING

P: The Good News of Jesus, Son of God according to St. John:

**C: Praise to You, Lord Christ!**

### **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.*

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They 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’?”

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

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## 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.

*We Believe*

## 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.*

### **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 tab's 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.

## THE OFFERTORY

**New Life Houseband**

[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 also 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 God thanks and praise.**



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere, to give you thanks and praise O Holy Father, our eternal and ever-present God. You sent us your Son, Jesus. In his love Christ has filled us with joy as we remember his birth and celebrate his return.

**C: Amen! Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

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."

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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.

The  
LORD'S  
Prayer

### 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, 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

### LIVIN' IT UP IN YOUR LOVE

**Chorus: Livin' it up in your love – each and every day  
Livin' it up in your love, O Lord (X2)**

My heart is broken, you came to mend it  
We need your love Lord; so glad you send it! *Chorus*

Well I think about it; I know that You're not playing,  
You said "listen to me" and don't stop praying  
Your world is good, some say it's not  
I'm a little mixed up, but I'll give it everything I've got.

This life is holy, You're my north star;  
I'm doing all right, doing all right so far. *Chorus*

I know you told me – you'd always love me, I still believe that is true.  
So I'll give my best my full attention My life devoted to you.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done  
The Church calls You – God's only Son  
I'll be all right, I'll be OK, Come on now Jesus, give us your love today!

This life is holy, You're my north star;  
I'm doing all right, doing all right so far. *Chorus*

## WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 25, 2020



# 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 25<sup>th</sup> – 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 1<sup>st</sup> – 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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. 28<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:pastor@newlifelutheran.com) and Pastor Bill will send you a link to the Zoom meeting and instructions. Come join in the conversation online!