

# RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING

Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship

# **All Saints Sunday** November 1, 2020

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



Mew 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!

Micah declares God's condemnation of those who TODAY @ NEW LIFE: abhor justice. Jesus warns against hypocrisy. Paul urges the Thessalonians to lead a life worthy of God. Called to be humble servants, we gather for worship, seeking justice and welcoming all people to share the banquet of life.

# WELCOME & NEWS



Sing verses 1, 3 & 4

# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt. Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, 

→ one God,

who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.



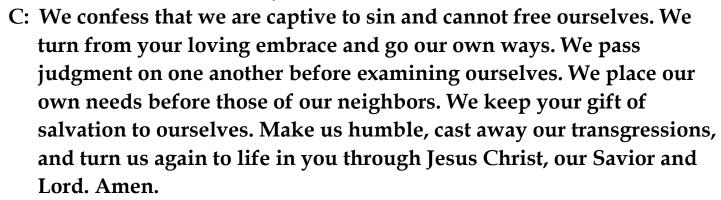
C: Amen!

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.



### 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.





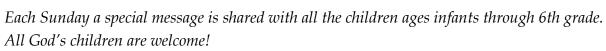
# PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, generous and supreme, your loving Son lived among us, instructing us in the ways of humility and justice. Continue to ease our burdens, and lead us to serve alongside of him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### C: Amen.

## Children's Message

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### FAITH 5 - READ

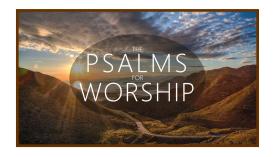
## First Reading: Micah 3:5-12

- <sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry "Peace" when they have something to eat, but declare war against those who put nothing into their mouths.
- 6 Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without revelation. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them;



- the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God.
- <sup>8</sup> But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.
- <sup>9</sup> Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob and chiefs of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity,
- <sup>10</sup> who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong!
- <sup>11</sup> Its rulers give judgment for a bribe, its priests teach for a price, its prophets give oracles for money; yet they lean upon the LORD and say, "Surely the LORD is with us! No harm shall come upon us."
- Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed as a field;
  Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins,
  and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

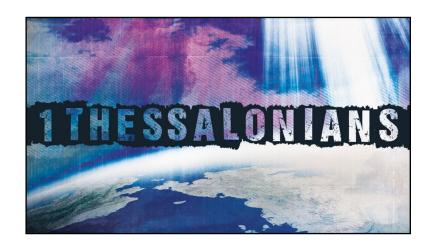
Here ends the reading.



#### Psalm 43

Send out your light and truth, that they may lead me. (Ps. 43:3)

- <sup>1</sup> Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
- <sup>2</sup> For you are the God of my strength; why have you rejected me, and why do I wander in such gloom while the enemy oppresses me?
- <sup>3</sup> Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your sanctuary;
- 4 that I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.
- Why are you so full of heaviness,
   O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me?
   Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help and my God.



# Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (Bold - verse for FAITH5)

Paul uses paternal imagery to depict the guidance and encouragement he provided to the Thessalonians. They received from Paul the word of God, which energizes their faith.

- <sup>9</sup> You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.
- <sup>10</sup> You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers.
- <sup>11</sup> As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children,
- <sup>12</sup> urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.
- <sup>13</sup> We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

R: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God!





The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.



#### **Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: Gracious God, you invite those who feel most unworthy of love to a seat at the head of your table. Through the humility, vulnerability, and repentance of your church, bring a compassionate welcome to all in need of your grace. Hear us, O God.

# C: Your mercy is great.

P: Sustaining God, guide all people of the earth through harsh extremes in the cycles of creation — drought and monsoon, blistering heat and freezing cold. Hold in your mercy all places where lives have been disrupted by natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.



P: Sovereign God, gather our country around a shared table this week during our national election. Open fruitful dialogue between people of every political party, place, age, and socio-economic status so that we may discern the common good you desire for us. Hear us, O God.

# C: Your mercy is great.

P: Merciful God, protect those whose human dignity has been denied and oppressed in our nation. Raise the voices of those who have been silenced and bring justice where power has been abused for personal gain. Hear us, O God.

# C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Eternal God, you unite all the faithful in a banquet of your abundance. This day we remember all who now feast in your eternal presence, especially all who have died in the past year (here the names of those who have died in the previous year may be read). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

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: \$19,435 of \$28,248 needed for the month. (68.8%)

Thank you!

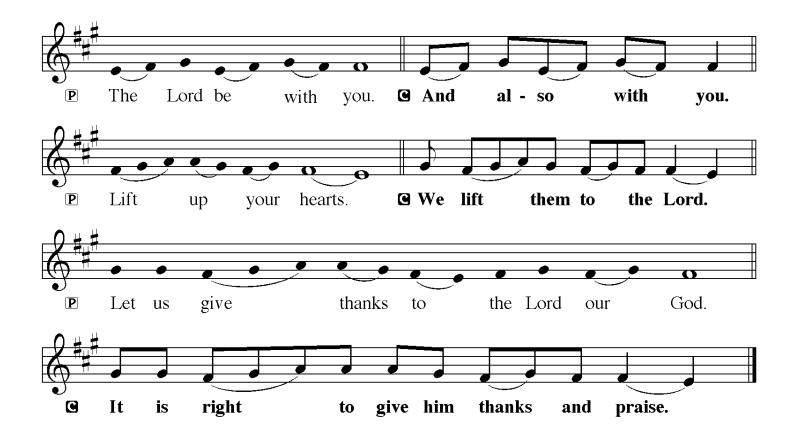
# THE OFFERING PRAYER

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.

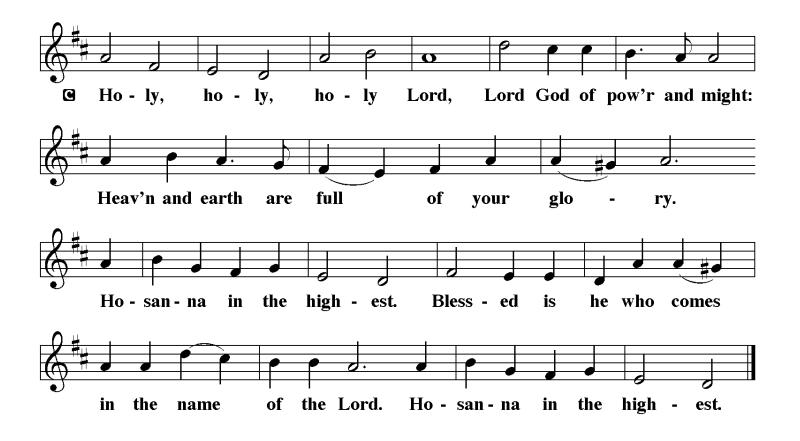
# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:



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.

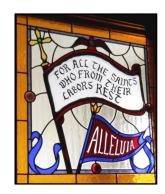
# FAITH5 - BLESS

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

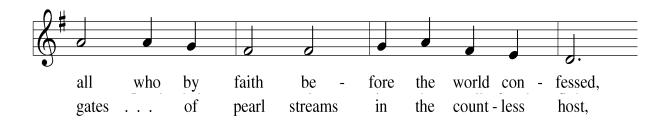
# Sing verses 1 & 8



# For All the Saints



- 1 For all the saints who from their la bors rest,
- 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o cean's far thest coast, through







Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt. Music: SINE NOMINE, R. Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

# WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen!





### **UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



#### **All Saints Sunday**

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

November 8th - 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 by noon on Thursday of each week!")

November 15th - 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 by noon on Thursday of each week!")

#### **Christ the King Sunday**

### WELCA (Women of the ELCA) Thankoffering Sunday

November 22nd - 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 by noon on Thursday of each week!")

### Advent 1

# **Greening of the Church**

November 29th - 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 by noon on Thursday of each week!")

## **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!

### All Saints 2020

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