



RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING

Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship

Pentecost 23

November 8, 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: Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory – the marriage feast of the lamb.

Gathering Songs

New Life House Band

WELCOME & NEWS

Word of God Speak



I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay
The last thing I need is to be heard
But to hear what You would say

CHORUS: Word of God speak
Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
To be still and know that You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness
Word of God speak

I'm finding myself in the midst of You
Beyond the music, beyond the noise
All that I need is to be with You
And in the quiet hear Your voice. **CHORUS**

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay

Mercy Me

CALL TO WORSHIP



P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
C: **in whose image we are made, who claims us and
calls us beloved. 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: Holy One,

C: we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

WORDS OF ABSOLUTION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✠ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of 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 of justice and love,

C: you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: Amos 5:18-24

- ¹⁸ Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
 Why do you want the day of the LORD?
 It is darkness, not light;
¹⁹ as if someone fled from a lion,
 and was met by a bear;
 or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
 and was bitten by a snake.
²⁰ Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
 and gloom with no brightness in it?
²¹ I hate, I despise your festivals,
 and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
 I will not accept them;
 and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
 I will not look upon.
²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs;
 I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters,
 and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Here ends the reading.





Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (*Bold - verse for FAITH5*)

- 13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
- 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.
- 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.
- 16 **For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.**
- 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever.
- 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

R: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel

READING

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

C: Praise to You, Lord Christ!

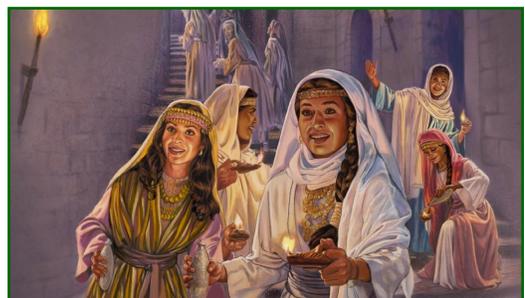
GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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.

We Believe

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: Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship with sincere and heartfelt song. Sustain the work of all church musicians and artists who lead us in praise and prayer. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Holy Judge, let justice roll down like waters over this world. Reign over the courtrooms of every land, in the hearts of those who guard the law and those who stand accused of crimes. Be present in cases where we long for both justice and mercy to prevail. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Holy Companion, console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of those who live and eat alone. Comfort those who have few friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world. Bring your healing and strength to all who are ill, or who suffer chronic illness or debilitating conditions. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Holy Protector, be with all observing Veterans Day. Guard the lives of active duty and retired military personnel. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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.

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 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: \$4,436.29 of \$28,248 needed for the month. (15.7%)

Thank You!

THE OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of all goodness,

C: generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. 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."

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: There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

C: AMEN!



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus,

C: in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

FAITH5 - BLESS

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C: Amen!

A SENDING SONG

How Great Is Our God

1. The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
it trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice

CHORUS

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, How great is our God



2. And age to age He stands and time is in His Hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead, three in one Father, Spirit, Son
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. **CHORUS**

BRIDGE

NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES!

(How great _____ is our God! _____ Sing with me:)

WORTHY OF ALL PRAISE!

(How great _____ is our God! _____ And all will see:)

MY HEART WILL SING: HOW GREAT _____ IS OUR GOD

(How great, _____ How great _____ is our God! _____)

CHORUS

REPEAT

WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

P: Beloved of God, go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.





All are Welcome

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

PEARLAND, TEXAS

Voices of New Life - Concert/Musical Event - Saturday Nov. 14th at 4:30pm.



Bring your own chairs and beverages. People are encouraged to bring items for Christian Helping Hands that will be collected at the front. An RSVP link will be sent out to get a head count. Contact Johnny for details at 254-733-7668. Arrive early - the concert will begin at 4:30 promptly.

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



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!"**)

The Quilters and the Men of the Church made \$1,220 on the October 30th, Drive-Thru Fish Fry! Those proceeds from this wonderful dinner will be given to New Life's General Fund. Thank you to all who participated!



Quilters packed 198 quilts, 257 school kits and 13 health care kits in 44 boxes on Tuesday, October 13th. Bubba, Barbara and Vera took them to the Lutheran World Relief In-Gathering on Saturday, November 7th. In addition, the quilters will continue their quilt sale on WELCA ThankOffering Sunday, November 22nd. So far enough have been sold to purchase more batting and sheets for backing!

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 of the 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!

