



## RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING

*Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship*

### Confirmation WELCA Thankoffering Christ the King November 22, 2020

10:30AM

New Life Lutheran Church - 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:

At harvest time we join the psalmist in offering thanksgiving to God: "You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty." We are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God's creation. Paul reminds us that our thanksgiving overflows into generosity. As the body of Christ in the world, we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Gathering Songs

New Life House Band

WELCOME & NEWS



Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.  
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And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
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let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith

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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.

## 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: Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, 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!*



### FAITH 5 - READ

#### First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

- 7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills,
- 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey,
- 9 a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.
- 10 You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.
- 11 Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today.
- 12 When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them,
- 13 and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied,
- 14 then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery,
- 15 who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock,
- 16 and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good.
- 17 Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth."
- 18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

*Here ends the reading.*



**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15**  
**(Bold - Verse of Faith5)**

- <sup>6</sup> The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
- <sup>7</sup> Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
- <sup>8</sup> And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.
- <sup>9</sup> As it is written,  
    “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
    his righteousness endures forever.”
- <sup>10</sup> He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.
- <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;
- <sup>12</sup> for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.
- <sup>13</sup> Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others,
- <sup>14</sup> while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.
- <sup>15</sup> **Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!**

R: Word of God. Word of Life!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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

C: Praise to You, Lord Christ!

# Gospel

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## READING

### GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

*A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.*

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.





## **AFFIRMATION of BAPTISM**

### **CONFIRMATION**

*Affirmation of Baptism: Public Profession of Faith is the rite used with young adults who desire to affirm their baptism in the presence of the assembly to mark this significant milestone in their lifelong journey and formation of faith.*

### **PRESENTATION**

*The presiding minister addresses the congregation. The confirmands stand. Their families, godparents and congregation are present to support them this day.*

**P:** Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for each of you, one with us in the body of Christ, as you affirm your baptism this day as a sign of your participation in the life of this community of faith and its mission in the world.

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** Merciful God, we thank you for these young people whom you have made your own by water and the word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold these, your servants, as they affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

## PROFESSION of FAITH

### RENUNCIATION OF EVIL

*The presiding minister addresses those affirming baptism:*

P: As you affirm your baptism, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**Response: We renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Response: We renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Response: We renounce them.**

*The presiding minister may also say to those affirming baptism:*

P: Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

**Response: In faith I turn to Christ.**

*The confirmands, parents and godparents come forward.*

P: With the whole church and all the saints, let us profess our faith.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**



## COMMITMENT

*The presiding minister addresses those making affirmation:*

**P:** You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and be present at the Lord's table, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**Each confirmand responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

**P:** People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brother and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

## PRAYER OF BLESSING

*Those affirming baptism may kneel. The presiding minister continues:*

**P:** Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, wash us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*The following blessing is repeated for each confirmand. The presiding minister and families may lay both hands on the head of each person while speaking the blessing:*

**P:** Stir up in (name) the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen

*Parents, sponsors, mentors, or other representatives of the congregation may also offer a blessing.*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**



*The ancient practice in sharing the peace is encouraged by all in attendance. When we do this, the congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord acknowledging Jesus the Christ at the center of our lives.*

**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 send from your abundance the people, talents, and resources needed for all the ministries of your church. We give thanks for the work you have accomplished through your people, and we pray for your continued blessings in our ministry together. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Bountiful God, you feed us through the richness of the land, water, sunlight, and ample crops. Bless all those who cultivate the land to bring forth its bounty, especially farmers and migrant workers. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Loving God, you open our hearts in compassion for one another. We give you thanks for the care and healing received through the hands and feet of your servants. Send us to love those most in need of your mercy (*especially*).

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Gracious God, we ask that you bless the fruits of our labor and the whole mission of Women of the ELCA, that together we may minister to our neighbors in need. Bless all who give and all who receive, as we are sewn together in the unity of your Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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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.**

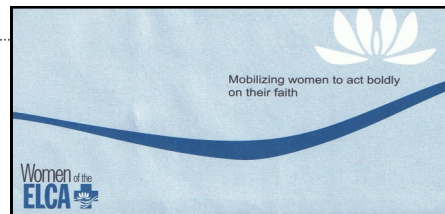
## THE OFFERING IS GIVEN

*Giving is good for the giver; promoting our trust in God and providing blessings to the world.*

### THANKOFFERING

*As we make our Thankofferings today, we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800s or even earlier. Then, when it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would act together as “cent” or “mite” societies. Each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year in thanksgiving for blessings received. And on occasion, the women would come together as we do today, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds.*

*When Women of the ELCA was formed in 1987, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, let us now give our Thankoffering.*



### **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.

Giving Update November giving at New Life: \$13,210 of \$28,248 needed for the month. (46.8%)

*Thank You!*



THE OFFERING PRAYER

A: O God of Grace and God of Glory,

C: You have showered us with abundance and entrusted to us the ministries of Women of the ELCA. Accept these offerings to further your mission. Help us to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world. Accept these gifts and this prayer that, nurtured by your Word, filled with your spirit, and fed at your table, we may share with gladness all that you have shared with us until all creation is satisfied. 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: 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

### Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

#### Refrain:

**Jesus Messiah, name above all names**  
**Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel**  
**The rescue for sinners, The ransom from Heaven**  
**Jesus Messiah, Lord of all**

His body, the bread, His blood, the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth tremble and the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing.      **Refrain**

All our hope is in You! All our hope is in You!  
All the glory to You, God: The light of the world      **Refrain**

*Words and music by Chris Tomlin, Christopher Dwayne Tomlin,  
Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves*

## WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

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

C: Thanks be to God.



# WELCA THANKOFFERING - CONFIRMATION - CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

## Congratulations Confirmation Class of 2020!

*Sophia Castillo      Ben Chicoria*  
*Kyrstyn Turner      Avery Welch*



# All are Welcome

## NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

PEARLAND, TEXAS



Texas - Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

### UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Confirmation Sunday

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

**Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation celebrated during the 10:30 service.**

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 of the 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!

