

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2020

3:00 PM † 5:00 PM † 7:00 PM



TODAY @ NEW LIFE:

In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

Welcome and Merry Christmas! On a long winter day we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest." Amid our broken world we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh – in Christ's body and blood – so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.

This We Proclaim...

1. **The Bible is God's Word for the world.** This Word is inspired by God through the Holy Spirit and the norm for our faith and life;
2. **That each person is a saint and a sinner.** We have fallen and turned from God in every generation. But, God has sought us out in Jesus Christ and by his grace we are made right with God;
3. **The Cross of Christ is a symbol of God's way of life.** God's love has come down to the world in Jesus; a love to extend in every direction;
4. **All persons are free to make decisions about themselves and their lives, that we are responsible;**
5. **That our quality of life is not determined by that which happens to us, but by how we respond to the things which happen to us;**
6. **That through Jesus Christ we can say 'YES' to life regardless of what life brings our way;**
7. **The Church is Christ's body and more than a system of belief.** It is demonstrated as a way of life, responsible, committed and active in love.

Worship is at the heart of God's people and that's why we gather here Sunday after Sunday to relive his resurrection story and give thanks to God in Christ and the outpouring of his Holy Spirit. If you have any questions about life at New Life, please ask the pastor or one of the members of the congregation. And always remember, God loves you, more than words express.

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CHRISTMAS GATHERING SONGS

DECEMBER 24, 2020

3:00 pm

Johnny Salvesen

5:00 pm

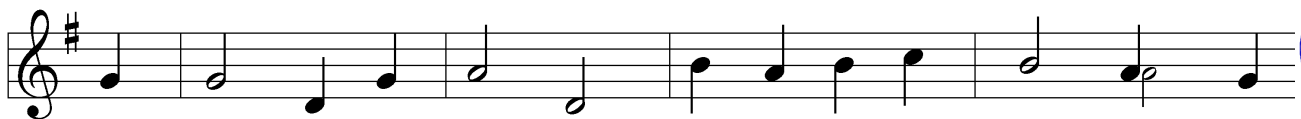
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7:00 pm

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WELCOME TO CHRISTMAS

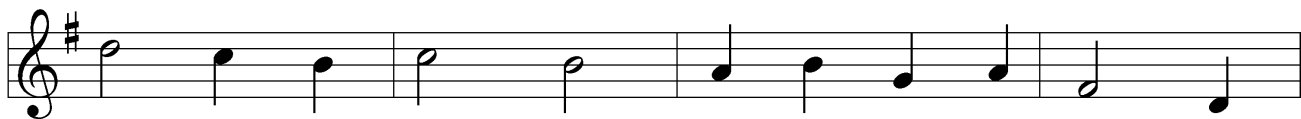
All Stand Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful



1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! Oh,
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, oh, come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Oh, come, let us a - dore him, oh, come, let us a - dore him,



oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!





BLESSING OF THE NATIVITY

P: O Lord our God, with Mary and Joseph, angels and shepherds, and the animals in the stable, we gather around your Son, born for us. Bless us with your holy presence and inspire us to help those who have no place to dwell. Be with us that we might share Christ's love with all the world, for he is our light and salvation. Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION



THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.



Isaiah 9:2-7

THE CHRISTMAS PROPHECY

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.”



2 The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

THE CHRISTMAS PROMISE

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE **Sang Kim**
A special message is shared with all the children ages infants through 6th grade. All God’s children are welcome!

3:00 pm	Solo	“O Holy Night”	Johnny Salvesen
5:00 pm	Solo	“Hallelujah”	Bubba Flowers
7:00 pm	Solo	“O Holy Night”	Johnny Salvesen

The Birth of Jesus

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Shepherds and the Angels

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

P: God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this night by the utterance of your Word made flesh.

C: **May your word of compassion resound in us and through us.**

P: On this holy night, you came to us in a child cradled in a borrowed bed of straw as there was no room in the inn.

C: **Open our hearts to the needs of the homeless and the hungry.**

P: On this holy night, shepherds and outcasts heard your good news.

C: **Give us grace to spread your story of joy and liberation.**

P: On this holy night, Christians throughout the world are celebrating Christ's birth.

C: **Unite us in one family that we may shine with the one light that scatters all darkness.**

P: On this holy night, your living Word came down, shedding light on all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

C: **Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.**

P: On this holy night, heaven and earth embrace, and, in your true child, give us power to be your children.

C: **Fulfill in your love all who have gone before us in the faith. May we, like them, remain faithful to the mystery of the Word made flesh and live in your eternal light.**

P: Hear these prayers we bring to you and fulfill your purposes in us in the name of Jesus, your incarnate Word.

C: **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you!**





THE OFFERTORY

3:00 pm
5:00 pm
7:00 pm

Johnny Salvesen
New Life Houseband
Johnny Salvesen

The Christmas Offering is given

Each year we honor the Christ child at Christmas through a special gift from members and friends of New Life Lutheran Church. This powerful extension of our congregation's ministry is supported by gifts, both large and small. Gifts received today will be used in a variety of ways to support New Life's ministry near and far! An envelope has been provided.

Thank you for your generosity!

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 or mailed in.

Thank you for supporting New Life's ministry.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

P: Come to the Lord's Table, all you who love him.
Come to the Lord's Table, confess your sin.
Come to the Lord's Table, be at peace.



ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS AND NEED FOR A SAVIOR

P: We have not believed you or trusted in God's power.
C: **Lord, help our unbelief.**

P: We have wandered from the way of Christ;
C: **yet, you call us to return and lead us home.**

P: Our life bears the stains of what we have done and have left undone!
C: **Cleanse us, Lord. Heal us, Lord. Ground us, Lord.**

P: By one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.
C: **Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build a new life. AMEN!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to you, Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give you praise O, Lord.**

P: It is a right, good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you: Holy Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is praised among all peoples. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with your people on earth and the company of heaven to glorify your name.
C: **Amen!**



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."



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, 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. 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.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to Christ, who has come into the world and who comes to us in this Holy Supper!
All are welcome!



POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Now the body and blood of Christ, O Lord, has set us free. We go in peace, full of your promise; recognizing the comfort and joy you offer to all. Our eyes have seen the Savior whom you sent for all the world to see! Blessing and honor and glory are yours, now and forever.

C: Amen.

ANCIENT RITUAL CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY

The Pastor lights the candle from the Christmas Candle and then lights the candles of the ushers. The ushers will then light the candle of the worshiper at the end of each pew. Light your candle from your neighbor's and as candles are lit, we will sing "Silent Night, Holy Night."



Silent Night, Holy Night

	<p>1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,</p>
	<p>all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,</p>
	<p>Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your</p>
	<p>peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace. born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.</p>

A BLESSING OF LIGHT AND LOVE

P: O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star. We pray that you bless this church and all who worship and serve here with your gracious presence. May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive its King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

P: Go in peace. Merry Christmas!

C: Merry Christmas! Thanks be to God!



The 2020 Christmas Poinsettias
are sponsored by:

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Thank you for adding visible JOY to God's altar this day!



**Thank you to everyone who donated to the
New Life Angel Tree!**

**The families who received the gift cards and
gifts appreciate all the thoughts, prayers and
gifts during this Holiday Season!**



All are Welcome

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

PEARLAND, TEXAS

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



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

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services December 24th

3:00p.m., 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. In-Person & Livestream Worship

Christmas Day - Christ is Born! December 25th



Christmas 1 Sunday, December 27th

One service @ 10:30 a.m. In-Person & Livestream Worship



(Because of limited capacity, RSVPs are needed for Service.

"Don't forget to RSVP using the Google form in the Friday New Life News email by noon on Thursday of each week!")

The "Voices of New Life" will be doing a Song Fest @ 3pm outside on the field next to the Sanctuary. It will not be a service, but it will include all of the hymns we didn't get to sing Christmas Eve. No RSVP needed.



EPIPHANY

Pre-Epiphany Party & Un-Greening

Un-Greening/Post-Epiphany Party

Sunday, January 10th

**Un-Greening during Sunday School Hour
& Brunch/Party when finished after the
10:30 service**