



RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING

Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship

Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021

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:

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

Gathering Songs

New Life House Band

WELCOME & NEWS



Wade in the Water

Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water
God's a-going to trouble the water

See that host all dressed in white
God's a-going to trouble the water
The leader looks like the Israelite
God's a-going to trouble the water

Look over yonder, what do you see?
God's a-going to trouble the water
The Holy Ghost a-coming on me
God's a-going to trouble the water

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

C: whose Spirit is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. Amen!

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Holy God,

C: you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin – our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.



WORDS OF ABSOLUTION AND FORGIVENESS

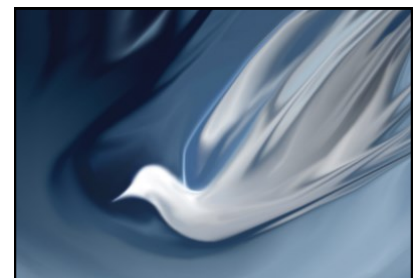
P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ☩ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

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: Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your Spirit moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, 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: Genesis 1:1-5

- ¹ In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
- ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.
- ³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
- ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.
- ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.
And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.



Here ends the reading.

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

(Bold - verse for FAITH5)

- ¹ While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples.
- ² He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”
- ³ Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.”
- ⁴ Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.”
- ⁵ **On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**
- ⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied —
- ⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

R: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God!





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

C: Praise to You, Lord Christ!

Gospel
READING



GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

P: For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who suffer (*especially*), that God shower compassion, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.



P: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

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: Giving for January as of January 5th: \$4,502.35
2021 Budget has not yet been approved.

Thank You!

THE OFFERING PRAYER

P: O God,

C: receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

C: AMEN!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



P: Let us pray. Christ Jesus,

C: at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. Amen.

FAITH5 - BLESS

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.

C: Amen!

A SENDING SONG

Shine, Jesus, Shine



Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

- 1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain*
- 2 As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain*

Text: Graham Kendrick

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WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.





All are Welcome

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

PEARLAND, TEXAS



UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITY & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Baptism of Our Lord January 10th - 8:00 am & 10:30 am In-Person & Livestream Worship

Epiphany 2 January 17th - 8:00 am & 10:30 am 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!"**)

Epiphany 3 January 24th - 8:00 am & 10:30 am 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!"**)

Epiphany 4 January 31st - 8:00 am & 10:30 am 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!"**)



Altar Flowers this week are provided by Cheryl Robinson
in memory of Debbie Adams & in honor of Linda Stavinoha's birthday.

Sunday Zoom Gospel 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!

Gospel Bible Study



2021 Dunes Day service project - Saturday, January 16th

Recycle Christmas trees into beneficial sand dunes along the Brazoria County coastline. Stahlman Park in Surfside Beach - rebuild, restore, and strengthen our dune line against storm surges.

All the congregation can participate by donating their and their neighbors' live Christmas trees - unflocked only and no tinsel or decorations attached - or joining us on the 16th, or both, in our effort to SAVE OUR BEACHES. Please drop off used Christmas trees at New Life (by the sheds) thru the 14th.

All are welcome to stake trees on the 16th. Bring a friend. Great family project. Kid friendly. Dress appropriately for January beach weather. Bring work gloves if you have them.

New Life contact, Barbara Scott - 8328573830; contact if you plan to go. Caravaning from New Life; gather: 7:30 am to load trees. Leaving at 8am to make it to Stahlman Park by 9am. May need help transporting donated Christmas trees.

