



## RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING

*Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship*

**Epiphany 3**  
**January 24, 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:**

As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

**Just As I Am, without One Plea**

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, and waiting not  
to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871



## 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

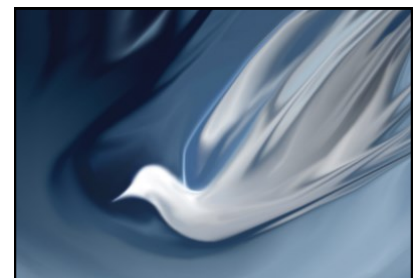
P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ☩ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling 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: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.  
Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, 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: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

- <sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying,  
<sup>2</sup>"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that  
I tell you."  
<sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD.  
Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across.  
<sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out,  
"Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"  
<sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and  
everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.  
<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways,  
God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would  
bring upon them; and he did not do it.

*Here ends the reading.*

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**      (*Bold - verse for FAITH5*)

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none,

<sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions,

<sup>31</sup>**and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.**

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

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## READING



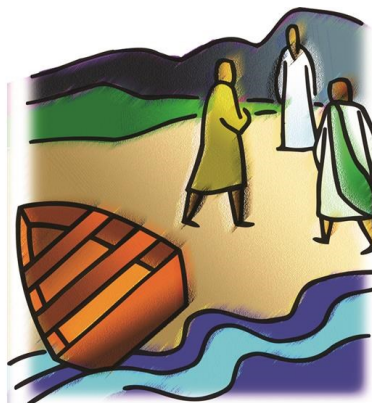
### GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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 our nation, as you have led us into a new chapter of history with the inauguration of your servants Joseph and Kamala as President and Vice-President respectively. For our country, and our fellow citizens, as we heed your call to justice, unity and peace which you have manifest through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God

inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief (*especially*), that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For our congregation and community, for families big and small, and for the organizations that meet here during the week, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*



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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](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.

## THE OFFERTORY

New Life Houseband

**Giving Update: Giving for January as of January 19th: \$13,192  
50% of the proposed 2021 Monthly Budget of \$26,285.**

*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."



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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.

## 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

Everyone needs compassion  
A love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness  
A kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender **Refrain**

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King...Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King **Refrain (X2)**

## Mighty to Save

### Refrain

Savior  
He can move the mountains  
My God is Mighty to save  
He is Mighty to save  
Forever  
Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave



## 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

**Epiphany 3 Jan. 24th** - 8:00 am & 10:30 am In-Person & Livestream Worship

**Epiphany 4 Jan. 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 New Life Google form email by noon on Thursday of each week!"**)

**Congregational Meeting Jan. 31st** - following 10:30 service - In-Person & via Zoom

**Valentine Drive-Thru Lasagna Dinner & Flower Shop** - Saturday, Feb. 13th

**Voices of New Life Concert** - following Dinner

**Transfiguration of Our Lord Feb. 14th** - 8:00 am & 10:30 am In-Person & Livestream Worship - & **Valentine's Day Drive-Thru Flower Shop Feb. 14th** - in front of Church  
(Because of limited capacity, RSVPs are needed. **"Don't forget to RSVP using the New Life Google form email by noon on Thursday of each week!"**)

**Ash Wednesday** - February 17th - 7pm



**Lenten Wednesday Night Services** - 7pm



**Palm Sunday** - March 28th

**Holy Week**



**Easter Sunday** - April 4th



### 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](mailto: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

