



RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING

Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship

Epiphany 4
January 31, 2021

New Life Lutheran Church
Pearland, Texas

8:00 AM



*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:

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

FAITH5 - GATHER

WELCOME & NEWS



Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

Verses 1, 3 & 4



1 Dear-est Je - sus, at your word we have come a - gain to
 2 ~~All our knowl edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness~~
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of light from God pro -
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and ad - o -



hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in
 shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night, fill - ing
 ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light; help our
 ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most: your blest



glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is - es here
 us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and all good
 hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and songs may
 gos - pel's con - so - la - tion, while we here on earth a -



giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, adapt.
 Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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

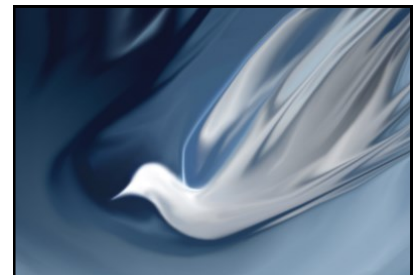
P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ☩ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling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

KYRIE

Johnny: In peace, in peace,



Refrain

Assistant:

Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

Johnny: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all...

Johnny: For your people here, who have come to give you praise,
for the strength to live your Word...

Help, save and de - fend us, O
God. A - men.

NOW THE FEAST

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God. *to Refrain*

Verse 2

Congregation:

2. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *to Refrain*

Presider:

Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

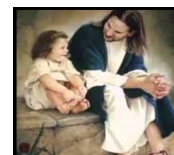
P: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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!*



First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet.

¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.”

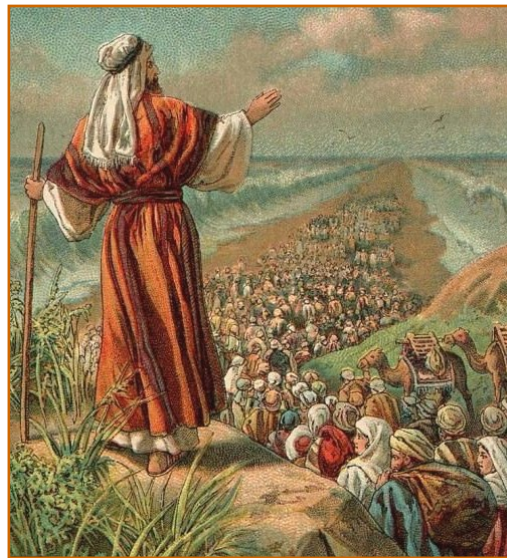
¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said.

¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable.

²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die.”

Here ends the reading.





Psalm: 111

- ¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- ²Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.
- ³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.
- ⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.
- ⁶You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- ⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.
- ⁸They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.
- ⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant
forever;
holy and awesome is your name.
- ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise endures forever.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (*Bold - verse for FAITH5*)

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge;

³**but anyone who loves God is known by him.**

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.”

⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and many lords —

⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do.

⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols?

¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed.

¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.

¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

R: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

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

C: Praise to You, Lord Christ!



Gospel READING

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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 all who share the gospel and proclaim freedom in Christ throughout the world: prophets, teachers, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders; for the church and its ministries, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For government and leaders: cities and nations, rescue professionals and legal aid attorneys, elected officials and grassroots organizers; for all responsible for the well-being of civil society, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit: those who are sick and hospitalized, those struggling with COVID-19, those living with mental illness, those who are hungry or homeless, and all in any need (*especially*); for caregivers, hospice workers, and home health aides, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: For the covenant God made with us in the waters of baptism, in thanksgiving for the baptized who have died in the Lord, 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 or mailed in.

Thank you for supporting New Life's ministry.

THE OFFERTORY

Johnny Salvesen

**Giving Update: Giving for January as of January 26th: \$17,050
64.9% 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

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

The preface appropriate to the day or season is sung or said.

Presider: It is our duty and delight . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The minister continues with the eucharistic prayer.

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."

Remembering then his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever 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



Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us

Verses 1, 3 & 4



1 Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 ~~We are yours; in love be friend us, be the guard ian of our way;~~
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
~~keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.~~
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
~~Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.~~
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847

Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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 4 Jan. 31st - 8:00 am & 10:30 am In-Person & Livestream Worship

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

Epiphany 5 - Souper Bowl of Caring Feb. 7th - 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!")



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 - (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!")

Valentine's Day Drive-Thru Flower Shop Feb. 14th - in front of Church



Ash Wednesday - Feb. 17th - 7pm



Lenten Wednesday Night Services - 7pm



Palm Sunday - Mar. 28th
Holy Week



Easter Sunday - Apr. 4th



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!