

RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING

Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship

Lent 1

February 21, 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:

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

FAITH5 - GATHER

WELCOME & NEWS



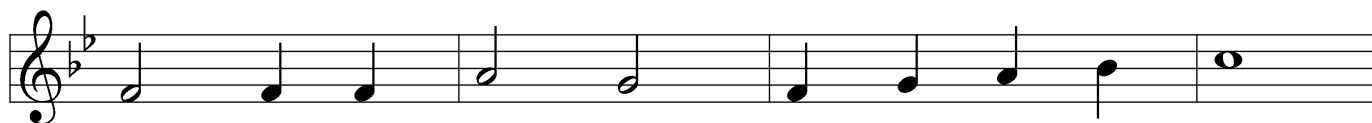
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



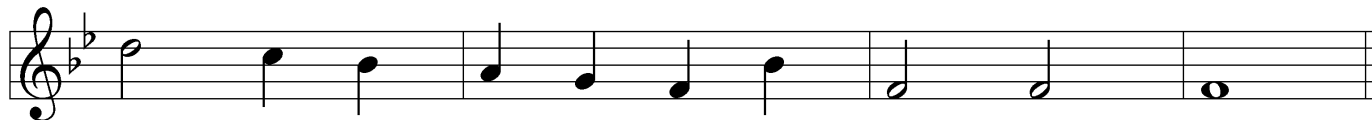
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dreams, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.



and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860
 Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–1897

CALL TO WORSHIP



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

C: the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. Amen!

P: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION



P: Fountain of living water,

C: pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

WORDS OF ABSOLUTION AND FORGIVENESS

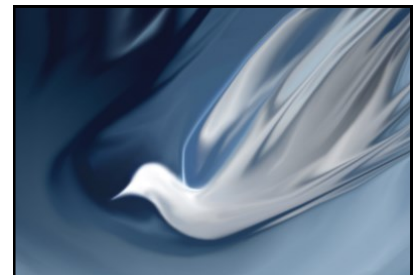
P: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ☩ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY



P: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through 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 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him,

⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you,

¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.

¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,

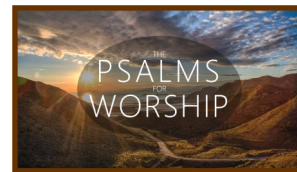
¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Here ends the reading.

Psalm: 25:1-10



¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,

¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,

²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 1:9-15

(*Bold - verse for FAITH5*)

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."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³**He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.**

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

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: Relying on the promises of God,
we pray boldly for the church,
the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: In Jesus your realm has come near
to us in every place and time. Give
your church throughout the world
a spirit of humility and
repentance; teach us to trust
always in the good news of your
salvation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: All your paths are steadfast love
and faithfulness. Direct the words
and actions of leaders in our
community and throughout the
world, that they may maintain
justice for the lowly. Hear us, O
God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Even in the wilderness you are
with us. Walk alongside migrants
and refugees crossing dangerous
lands. Tend to those whose lives
feel desolate. Give healing and
strength to all who suffer
(*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: In the covenant of baptism you
claim us as beloved children.
Nurture us in our baptismal
identity and teach us to live within
it for the sake of others. Strengthen
this congregation's ministries of
care and concern (*especially*). Hear
us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.



P: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 February: \$16,471
Needed for Monthly Budget: \$25,974 for 64.5%**

Thank You!


THE OFFERING PRAYER

P: Faithful God,

C: you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

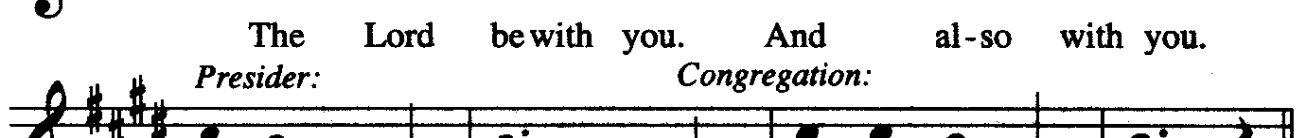
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

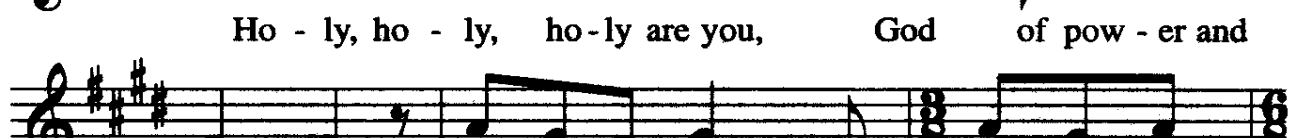
Presider: It is our duty and delight . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY

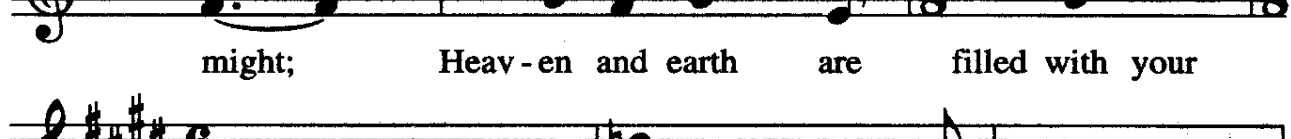
Congregation:



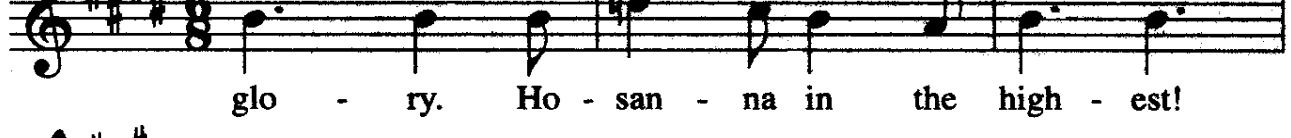
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



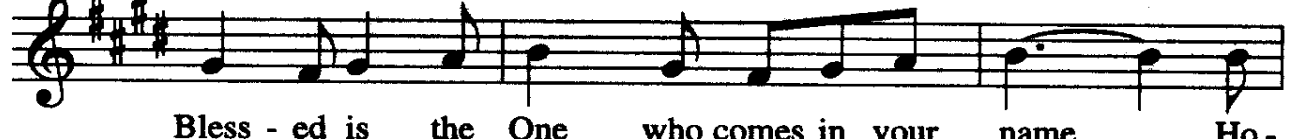
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your



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. God of steadfast love,

C: **at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



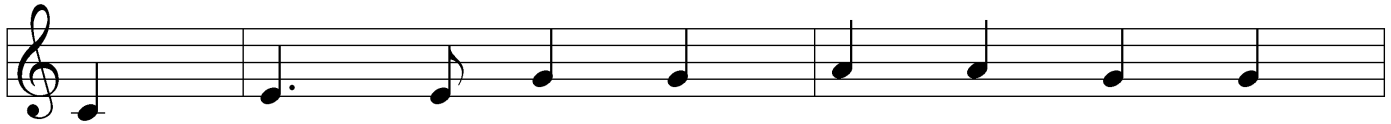
FAITH5 - BLESS

P: God You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

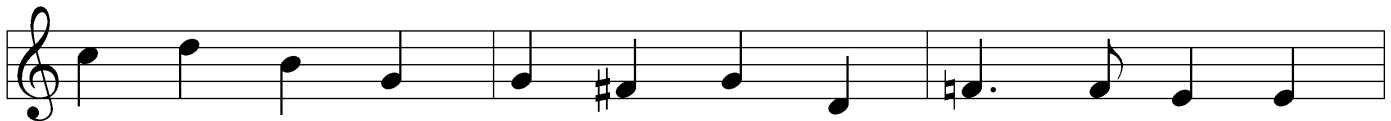
C: Amen!

A SENDING SONG

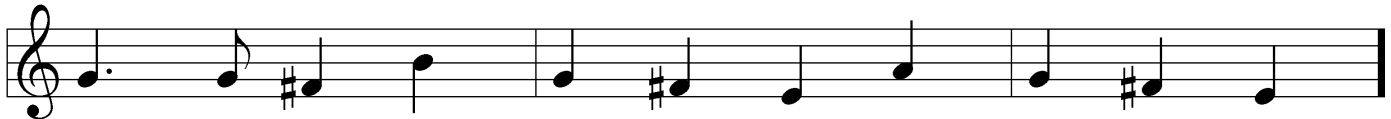
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 ~~When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I~~
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
~~rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and~~
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
~~storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.~~
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.





All are Welcome

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

PEARLAND, TEXAS

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITY & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Lent 1 Feb. 21st - 8:00 am & 10:30 am In-Person & Livestream Worship

Lenten Wednesday Night Service - Feb. 24th 7pm

Season of Lent, six weeks of reflection, repentance, and preparation for our Easter celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Our weekly Lent Wednesday **7:00 p.m. devotional services** will take the form of song, abbreviated liturgy, Scripture, devotional reading and prayer. Our Lent theme this year is Prayer: With Open Hands, based on the book by the same name by Henri J. M. Nouwen. **You are invited to attend** online through New Life's FaceBook livestream or in-person (with RSVP and pandemic protocols). May God's Spirit accompany us on our Lenten journey toward the Cross and the joy of Christ's resurrection.



Lent 2 Feb. 28th - 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!"**)

Palm Sunday - Mar. 28th
Holy Week



Easter Sunday - Apr. 4th



The **ABC** (Adult Bible Class) will resume in-person study at 9:30am on Sundays,
in the Fellowship Hall + Social Distancing and Masks required +

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

