



## RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING

*Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship*

**Lent 1**

**February 21, 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:**

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.

Gathering Songs

New Life House Band

WELCOME & NEWS

Jesus, Help Me Find My Proper Place

Jesus, help me find my proper place  
 Jesus, help me find my proper place  
 Help me in my weakness  
 When I have turned my back on grace  
 Jesus  
 Jesus

(3 X)



*Adapted from Lou Reed and the Blind Boys from Alabama*

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

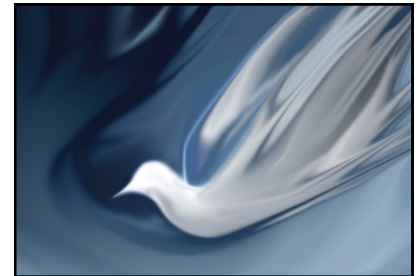
P: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ✠ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

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.**

## 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

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him,

<sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you,

<sup>10</sup>and 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.

<sup>11</sup>I 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.”

<sup>12</sup>God 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:

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

<sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,

<sup>15</sup>I 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.

<sup>16</sup>When 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.”

<sup>17</sup>God 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.*

## **Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

<sup>18</sup>Christ 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,

<sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,  
<sup>20</sup>who 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.

<sup>21</sup>And 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,

<sup>22</sup>who 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

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## READING

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15**

*(Bold - verse for FAITH5)*

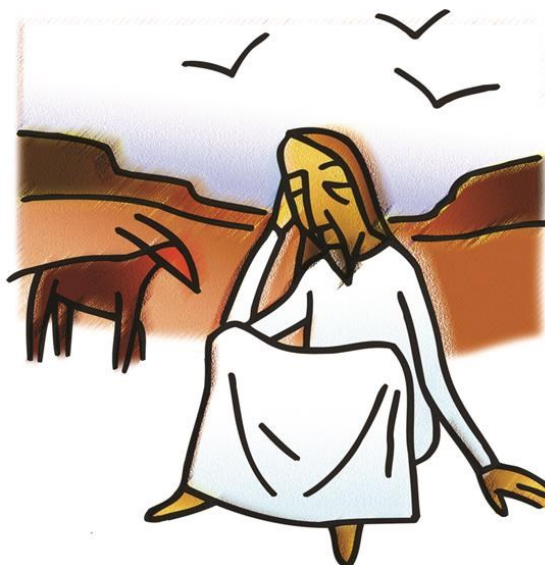
<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the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

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

<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."

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.*



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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](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 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

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. 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

### Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Refrain:

Jesus Messiah, name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, The ransom from Heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all



His body, the bread, His blood, the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth tremble and the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing. Refrain

All our hope is in You! All our hope is in You!  
All the glory to You, God: The light of the world

Refrain

*Words and music by Chris Tomlin, Christopher Dwayne Tomlin,  
Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves*

## 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](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**

