



## RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING

*Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship*

**Lent 3**

**March 7, 2021**

**New Life Lutheran Church**  
**Pearland, Texas**

**8:00 AM**



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the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

### **GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.**

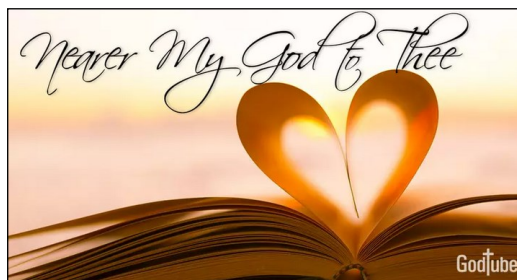
- ROOTED *in the Word*
- REFRESHED *in the Spirit*
- REACHING *into the Neighborhood & the World!*

#### **TODAY @ NEW LIFE:**

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

## FAITH5 - GATHER

## WELCOME &amp; NEWS



## Nearer, My God, To Thee

Godtube

Verses 1, 3 &amp; 5



1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, near - er to Thee!  
 2. Though like the wan - der - er, the sun gone down,  
 3. Near - er, my Lord, to thee, Near - er to thee!  
 4. Near - er, O Com - for - ter, Near - er to thee!  
 5. But to be near - er still, Bring me, O God,



E'en though it be a cross that rais - eth me,  
 Dark - ness be o - ver me, my rest a stone.  
 Who to the cross didst come, Dy - - ing for me!  
 Who with my lo - ving Lord Dwel - - lest with me!  
 Not by the vi - sioned steeps An - - gels have trod.



Still all my song shall be, near - er, my God, to Thee.  
 Yet in my dreams I'd be near - er, my God to Thee.  
 Streng - then my wil - ling feet, Hold me in ser - vice sweet  
 Grant me thy fel - low - ship! Help me each day to keep  
 Here where thy cross I see, Je - - sus, I wait for thee,



Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - - er to Thee!  
 5. Then ev - er - more to be Near - - er to Thee!

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## 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

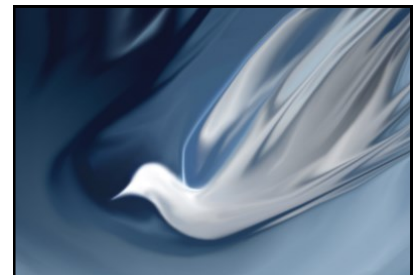
P: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ☩ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

**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

A. In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C. Lord have mer - cy. A. For the peace from a -

bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord. C. Christ have mer - cy.

A. For the peace of the whole word, and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the

C. Lord. A. Lord have mer - cy. For this ho - ly house, and for

all who offer here their wor - ship and praise. let us pray to the Lord.

C. A. Christ have mer - cy. Help, save, com - fort, de - fend us, gra - cious

C. Lord. A - - - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY



**P:** Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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!*



**First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;

<sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

<sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me,

<sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

<sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

<sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns.

<sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

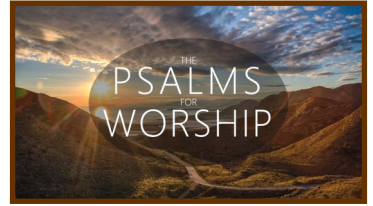
<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*Here ends the reading.*



## Psalm: 19



- <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- <sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,  
<sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of  
the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.
- <sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- <sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the  
end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- <sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- <sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- <sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- <sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get  
dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in  
your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

(*Bold - verse for FAITH5*)

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

<sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

<sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

<sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

<sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

<sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**<sup>25</sup>For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.**

R: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God!



### Return to the Lord





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

C: Praise to You, Lord Christ!

# Gospel

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## READING



### GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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.**

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

*A brief silence.*

P: There is no God before you. Purify  
the faith of your church, that your  
people place their trust in nothing  
beside you. Your name is holy.  
Guide your church, that in every  
situation your people's words and  
actions honor your name. Hear us,  
O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Your foolishness is wiser than  
human wisdom. Fill leaders with  
the foolishness of your peace and  
mercy. Your law defends the  
vulnerable. Work through  
legislators, judicial systems, and  
systems of law enforcement to  
protect the wellbeing and freedom  
of all (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Your weakness is stronger than  
human strength. Protect those who  
are vulnerable and give courage to  
all who are suffering (*especially*).  
Defend victims of crime and bring  
redemption to those who have  
harmed others. Give sabbath rest  
to all who labor. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: You call us to proclaim Christ  
crucified. Give clarity to this  
congregation and our leaders, so  
that we might follow Christ  
beyond our own habits and  
comfort. Clear out anything in our  
common life that would obscure  
the gospel or that serves our own  
interests. 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 or mailed in.

Thank you for supporting New Life's ministry.

## THE OFFERTORY

**Johnny Salvesen**

**Giving Update: Giving for February: \$20,805  
Needed for Monthly Budget: \$25,974 for 80%**

*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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Lord God of po - wer and might: Heav'n and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -

san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**



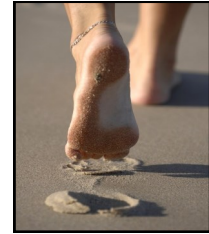


## FAITH5 - BLESS

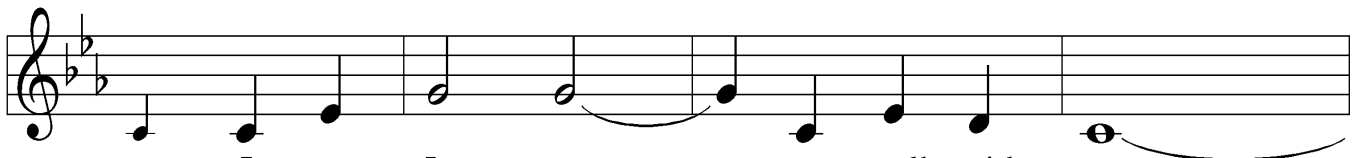
P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C: Amen!

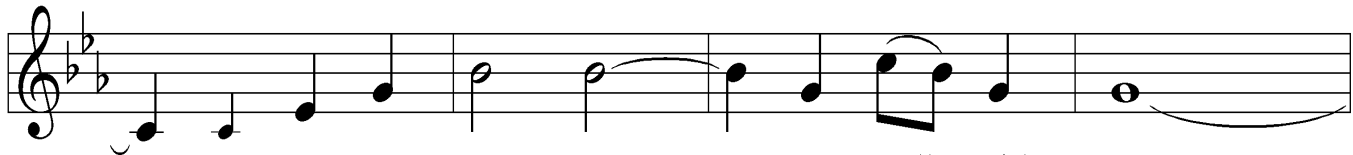
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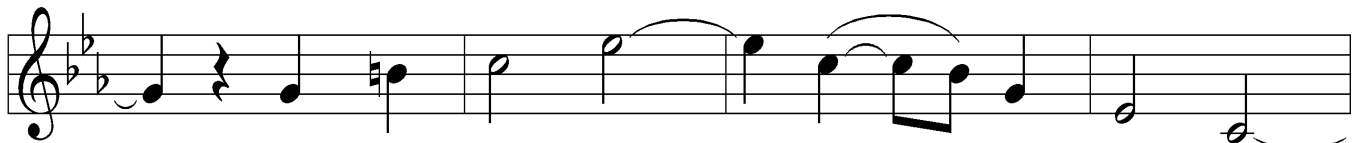
### I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



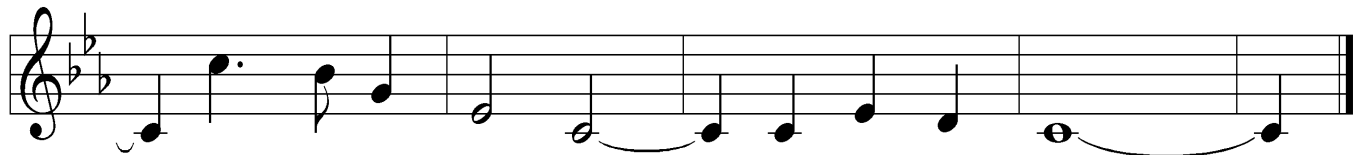
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

## 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 3 March 7th** - 8:00 am & 10:30 am In-Person & Livestream Worship

### **Lenten Wednesday Night Service - March 10th 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 4 March 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!"**)

**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**

