



RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING

Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship

Palm Sunday
March 28, 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:

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

FAITH5 - *GATHER*

WELCOME & NEWS

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

A: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

A: Let us pray,

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**





All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Verses 1, 2 & 4

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went.
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
~~Our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.~~
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
~~great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.~~

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635

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: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, 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: Isaiah 50:4-9a

- ⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
- ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.
- ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.
- ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
- ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
- ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Here ends the reading.



Psalm: 31:9-16

- ⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- ¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
- ¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- ¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- ¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- ¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.
- ¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- ¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."

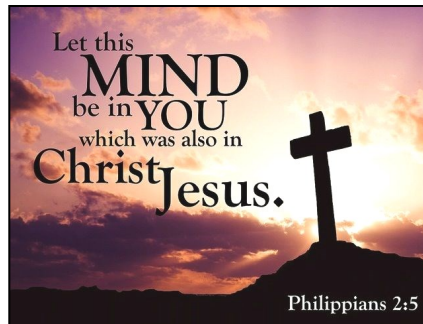
Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

(*Bold - verse for FAITH5*)

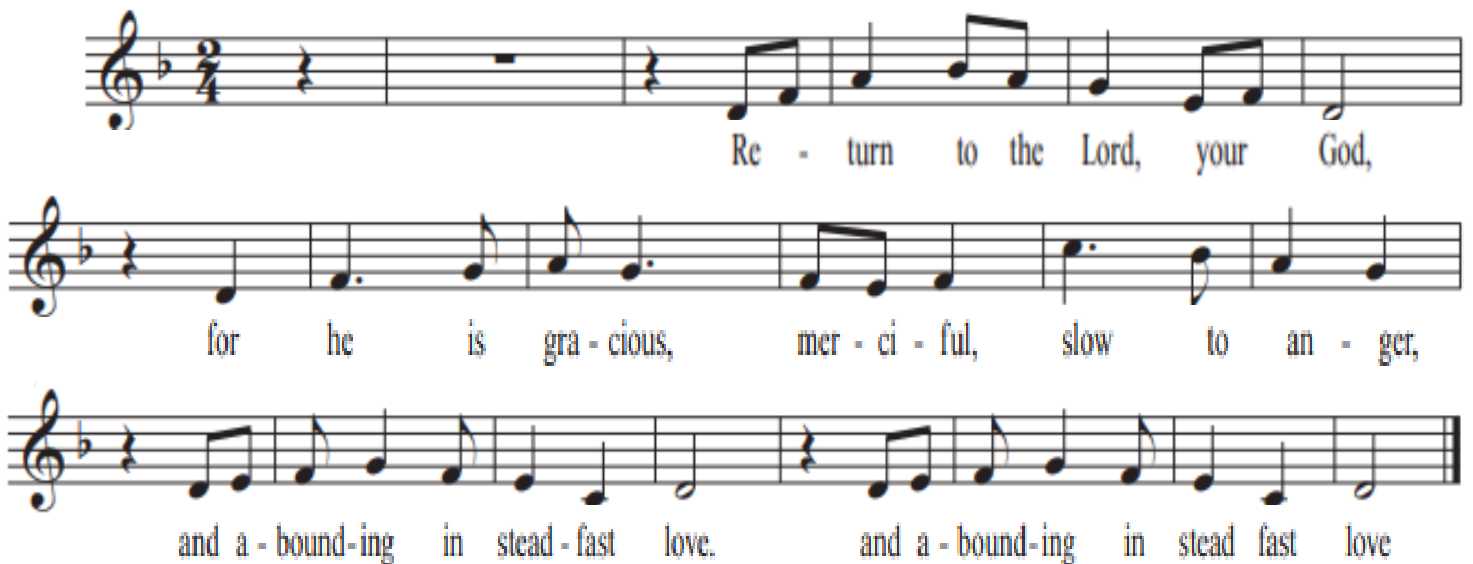
⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹**and every tongue should confess**
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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. Mark

C: Praise to You, Lord Christ!



Gospel

READING



GOSPEL: Mark 15:1--47

^{15:1}As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³They shouted back, "Crucify him!" ¹⁴Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of

the Jews!" ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"



⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴²When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

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: In Jesus you came among us as a
suffering servant. Give your
church humility. Redeem your
people from pride and the
certainty that we always know
your will. Heal us and empower
us to confess Christ crucified.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Jesus was handed over to the
powers of this world. In all
nations, instruct the powerful, that
they would not exploit their power
but maintain justice. Sustain
soldiers, and guide those who
command them, that they serve
those in greatest need. Hear us, O
God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: On the cross Jesus joined all who
feel forsaken. Abide with those
who are condemned to death.
Defend those who are falsely
accused. Console and strengthen
those who are mocked or bullied.
Accompany all who suffer
(*especially*); grant respite and
renewal. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: You inspired the centurion to
confess Jesus as your Son. We
praise you for the faith you have
given to people of all places and
times. Give us also such faith to
trust the promises of baptism and,
with them, to look for the
resurrection of the dead. Hear us,
O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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 March: \$26,402
Needed for Monthly Budget: \$25,974 for 101.7%**

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,

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.

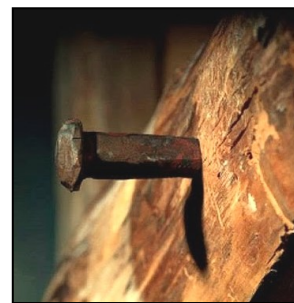
FAITH5 - BLESS

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!

A SENDING SONG

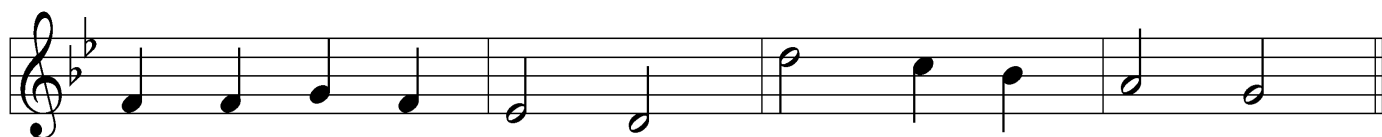
Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how have you of - fend - ed that mor - tal
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on you? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave has



judg - ment has on you de - scend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, has un - done you. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son has suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,



by your own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied you; I cru - ci - fied you.
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.



**Altar Flowers are sponsored by Viola and Allen Patschke in honor of
Nolan and Donna Patschke's 34th Wedding Anniversary, TODAY!**



In Sympathy – We extend our Christian sympathy to Tally Perez, family, and friends, for the loss of her grandmother, Jean Pugh, who died in Christ Monday, March 22nd.

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 28, 2021



All are Welcome

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

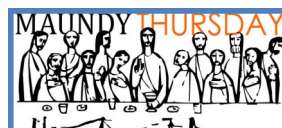
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UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITY & WORSHIP SCHEDULE



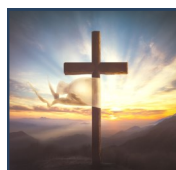
Palm Sunday - March 28th - 8:00 am & 10:30 am In-Person & Livestream Worship

Maundy Thursday - April 1st - Service @ 7pm



Good Friday - April 2nd - Service @ 7pm

Drive Thru Fish Fry @ 5pm



Easter Sunday - April 4th - 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!"**)



Youth Sunday School for K-3rd grade - 9:30am on Sundays,

Upstairs in the Fellowship Hall + Social Distancing and Masks required +

The ABC (Adult Bible Class) 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

