

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."
Jesus

RESPONSIBLE LIVING - JOYFUL GIVING

Redefining Stewardship as "Whole Life" Stewardship

Maundy Thursday April 1, 2021

New Life Lutheran Church Pearland, Texas



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:

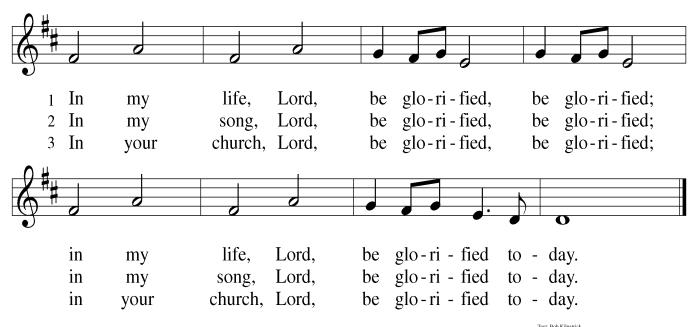
This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember

Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

FAITH5 - GATHER



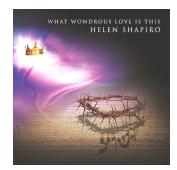
Lord, Be Glorified



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WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE PARISH



What Wondrous Love Is This



- 1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
- 2 When I was sink ing down, sink ing down, sink ing down, when
- 3 To God and to the Lamb Ι will sing, I will sing; to when from death I'm free, And I'll sing I'll sing and on. on:



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink-ing down be-God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll



bliss Lord of the dread-ful curse caused the to bear for my neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for mv mil - lions join the theme, great while will the Ι AM, Ι is through e - ter - ni - ty his love for and I'll sing sing me,



soul, for soul, my to for soul, Christ soul. my sing, Ι will sing, while on, I'llsing on; and

bear the dread-ful curse for my soul? laid a - side his crown for my soul. mil - lions join the theme, I will sing. through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.



A Special Liturgy for the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Reader: What is holy communion?

People: Holy communion is the body and blood of our Lord

Jesus Christ.

Reader: Given with bread and wine. **People: Instituted by Christ himself.**

Reader: Where do Scriptures say this?

People: Matthew, Mark, Luke and Paul say: "In the night in which he

was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread; and gave thanks.

Reader: Broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

People: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you; do this in

remembrance of me."

Reader: "Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for

all to drink, saying:

People: 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."

Reader: The cup of blessing which we bless, is this not the communion of

the blood of Christ?

People: The bread which we break, is this not the communion of the

body of Christ?

Reader: What benefits do we receive from this sacrament?

People: The benefits of the sacrament are pointed out by the words,

"given and shed for you for the remission of sins."

Reader: These words assure us that in the sacrament we receive forgiveness of sin, life and salvation.

People: For where there is the forgiveness of sin, there is also life and salvation.

Reader: Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life

People: and that you might have it more abundantly."

Reader: How can eating and drinking do such great things? It is not the eating and drinking indeed that does this,

People: but the words, "given and shed for you for the remission of sins."

Reader: These words, along with the eating and drinking, are the main thing in the sacrament.

People: Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, forgiveness of sins.

Reader: I know in whom I have believed,

People: and I am sure that he is able to keep what I have committed to him until that day.

Reader: When is a person rightly prepared to receive this sacrament? Fasting and other outward preparation serve a good purpose.

People: However, that person is well prepared and worthy who believes these words, "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

Reader: But anyone who does not believe these words, or doubts them, is neither prepared nor worthy.

People: For the words for you require only a believing heart.

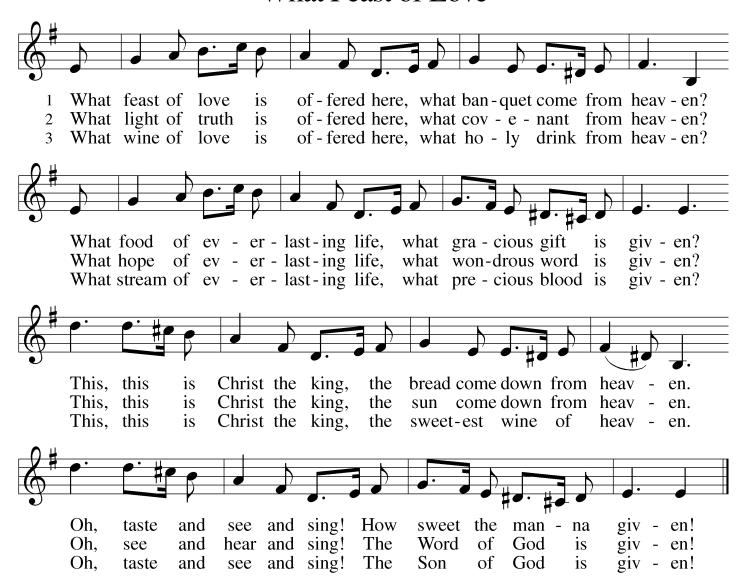
Reader: Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.

People: I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

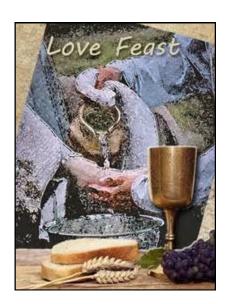
Reader: But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Thanks be to God.

What Feast of Love



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GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." 9Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." 11For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them." ^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified

in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.



FAITH5 - TALK

Pastor William L. Schwertlich

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: United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy night for the needs of the world. *A brief silence.*
- P: Your creation provides all that we need. Cleanse and protect the water you have given for washing and drinking, water on which all life depends. Sustain crops and herds that provide food; teach us how to live so that there is enough for all. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.



P: Jesus washed the feet of the one who betrayed him. Inspire this congregation's ministries of service (*especially*), that we love as Jesus loved us. Give us renewed courage to serve. Bless the ministry of deacons throughout the church. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Your glory shone in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We thank you for generations of the faithful who have proclaimed our Lord's death. Unite us with them in hope until he comes again. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

C: Amen.

P: Hear these and all our prayers, O God, in the name of the one who loves us to the end, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

THE OFFERING IS GIVEN

Giving is good for the giver; promoting our trust in God and providing blessings to the world.

THE OFFERTORY

Johnny Salvesen

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.

Giving Update: Giving for March: \$26,402 Needed for Monthly Budget: \$25,974 for 101.7% Thank you!

CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.





Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

A PRAYER FOR DISMISSAL

A Prayer for LOVE

P: O blessed Lord, you have commanded us to love one another. Just as we have received so many undeserved blessings, may we love everyone in you and for you.

We ask your kindness for all, but especially for the friends whom your love has given to us. Love them, O fountain of love, and move them to love you with all their heart, that they may will, and speak, and do only those things which are pleasing to you.

Our prayer is cold, because our love is so feeble, but you are rich in mercy. Do not measure your goodness to them by the dullness of our devotion, but as your abundant kindness surpasses all human affection, so let your hearing transcend our prayer. Do what is best for them, according to your will, that being ruled and protected by you always and everywhere, they may receive eternal life in the end; to you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and praise for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

Source: St. Anselm, 11th century

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

After the stripping of the altar is finished, leave the Sanctuary with the same hope the disciples carried in them as they left the upper room to go with Jesus to the Mount of Olives to pray.

A quiet introspection is requested of all present.

Allow the music to perforate your heart in anticipation of the Good Friday Sacrifice at hand.

The omission of the benedictions on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday indicate their continuity with each other leading to the Easter celebration.

Thurs., April 1st- Maundy Thursday

In-Person & Livestreamed Service @ 7:00 pm





Friday, April 2nd - Good Friday

The Crucifixion of Jesus

Scripture / Reflections / Songs / Bidding Prayer
7:00 PM In-Person & Facebook Livestream NEWLIFEINPEARLAND
5-6:30pm Drive-Thru Fish Fry — Preorder 281-485-1818



Sunday, April 4th - Easter Sunday

Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, Son of God and Savior of the Cosmos

Facebook Livestream on NEW LIFE IN PEARLAND At 8am and available @ 10:30am and all day

