

**Holy Trinity**  
**May 30, 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:**

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

## Holy, Holy, Holy *Santo, santo, santo*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God!

*Mi co - ra-zón te sa - be de-cir: ¡San - to e - res Dios!*  
*¡San - to, san - to, san - to. Mi co - ra-zón te a - do - ra!*



## CALL TO WORSHIP & THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen!

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us  
confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

C: Amen.

## WORDS OF ABSOLUTION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved people of God:

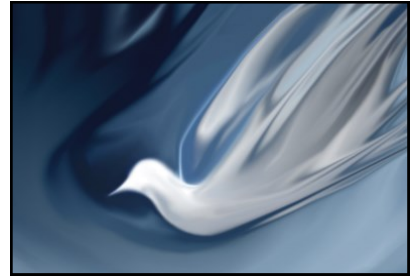
in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.



## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with every one here.

C: And also with you.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Johnny Salvesen**

*Each Sunday a special message is shared with all the children ages infants through 6th grade.  
All God's children are welcome!*



## THE BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES

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Pastor: Let us give thanks for the presence of God's strong and comforting Spirit as we pray in acknowledgement of moments past and ask for God's continued guidance for the future.

*Graduates: O God, our journey has taken us many places. Each new beginning gives us opportunities to discover life's wonder, yet we struggle as we prepare to enter a new time in our lives.*

Leader: May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths and superficial relationships,

**Congregation: so that you may live deep within your heart.**

Leader: May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,

**C: so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.**

Leader: May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war,

**C: so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.**

Leader: May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world,

**C: so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.**

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God because God's way is perfect.

**Graduates: *Show us the way, O Lord.***

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life."

**Family: You have discovered the way in your relationships, in your faith and values, and in the love which surrounds you. You have discovered the way through your studies and passion in your dreams. You have discovered the way in your activities, in the sharing of your gifts and talents.**

**All: We put all our trust, faith, and hope in you, Lord.**

**Graduates: *Help us to understand that we do not say good-bye to the past, for it remains with us and shapes our future. Calm the tension in our lives, always reminding us that we are not alone. We will forever be united to this place and to its people. We thank you for these memories and pray that you give us courage as we continue our journey.***

**Graduates kneel**

**Family to speak at the time of blessing:** Go from here with open arms, with your head held high, and love in your heart. You are beautiful and loved by God. No matter what happens, always remember that. Always believe in yourself. Go out and follow your dream, and should your dreams go up in smoke, build new dreams and follow them. Grab hold of your future and change your world as Christ has changed your life. Be everything you can be.  
***Be at peace with your neighbor and your God, and be happy.***

*After all graduates have received their blessing at the altar, students switch places with their parents to give them the following blessing:*

**Graduates to speak at the time of blessing:** Thank you for putting food in my mouth when I could not, for making me take a bath even though I'd rather be dirty, for holding me tight when I fell down and got hurt, for cheering and laughing when I learned to ride my bike and did great on the field, for asking me if I've done my homework, for telling me "no" when you knew what was best for me, for challenging me to do things I didn't think I could and for loving me no matter how frustrated you got with me. I thank God for you, for giving you to me to stand by me and to stand with me today.

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the suffering;  
honor all people; love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: We go in God's continuing presence with the power to love and the strength to serve.**



**CONGRATULATIONS  
GRADUATES!!!**

## WE HEAR GOD'S HOLY WORD

### First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

*Here ends the reading.*

### Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — <sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with 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. John.

C: Praise to You, Lord Christ!



# Gospel

## READING

### GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us come before the triune  
God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

P: We pray, O God, for your holy  
church around the world.  
Revitalize and renew us, that we  
may be reborn once again through  
the waters of baptism and the  
blowing wind of your Spirit. Lord,  
in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for the nations and our  
leaders, that led by your Spirit,  
they work towards a world where  
all of your children enjoy peace.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for healing for all those  
who suffer, especially victims and  
survivors of trauma or violence.  
Give respite to those living with  
PTSD or any other mental health  
concerns. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for this worshiping  
community, that the splendor of  
your majesty and the holiness of  
your mystery may be glorified  
through our worship and our  
relationships with one another.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*



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P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**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 May: \$17,078.78**  
**Needed for Monthly Budget: \$25,974 for 65.8%**  
*Thank You!*

## THE OFFERING PRAYER

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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 rising 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: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

C: AMEN!

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

### BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen!

## A SENDING SONG



### All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises

#### *Refrain*

You lived, You died, You said in three days You would rise  
You did, You're alive  
You rule, You reign, You said You're coming back again  
I know You will and all the earth will sing Your praises

- 1 You took, You take our sins away oh God  
You give and gave Your life away for us  
You came down, You saved us thru the cross  
Our hearts are changed because of Your great love

#### *Refrain*

- 2 No one, No name can rise above You Lord  
One hope, One life will shine forever more  
Your kingdom in heaven and on earth  
Your children stand to sing of Your great worth

#### *Refrain*

Lyrics from: <http://www.lyricsty.com/paul-baloche-all-the-earth-will-sing-your-praises-lyrics.html>

## WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.



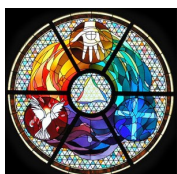


# All are Welcome

## NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

PEARLAND, TEXAS

### UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITY & WORSHIP SCHEDULE



#### Holy Trinity - May 30th

8:00 am & 10:30 am In-Person & Livestream Worship



#### High School Senior Blessing - May 30th

*Congratulations - William T. Sinacori and Alex Tatuaca*



#### Congratulations to the following Sunday School Students:

**Rylynn Cope** (2nd grader) completed the 1st session of the 10 Commandments

**Max Castillo** (4th grader) completed the 3rd session of the 10 Commandments.

#### Senior (55+) Lunch - Wednesday, June 2nd @ Noon



The Seniors are meeting again! This will be a covered dish lunch with White Elephant Bingo to follow. We have prizes, but anyone who has something at home you no longer want or need, you can bring it here to give someone else. Any prizes not chosen should be taken home by the owner afterwards. All will please practice safety distancing.

#### Pentecost 2 - June 6th - Call Committee Installation

8:00 am & 10:30 am In-Person & Livestream Worship



Previous weeks Services can be found under "videos" on the NewLifeinPearland Facebook page.

**RSVP's and Masks are No Longer Required + Social Distancing and Sanitation still Practiced**



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

**Upstairs in the Fellowship Hall + Social Distancing Observed +**

**The ABC (Adult Bible Class) in-person study at 9:30am on Sundays,**

**in the Fellowship Hall + Social Distancing Observed +**

#### Sunday Zoom Gospel Study

Pastor Bill hosts 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.

#### **Gospel Bible Study**

