



## Pentecost 3 June 13, 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:

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

Gathering Songs

New Life House Band

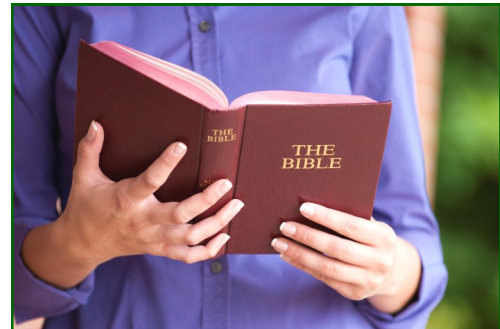
WELCOME & NEWS

**SANCTUARY**

Lord prepare me,  
To be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy,  
Tried and true.  
With thanksgiving,  
I'll be a living,  
Sanctuary, for you.

Lord teach your children,  
To stop the fighting,  
Start uniting,  
All as one.  
Get together,  
Loving forever,  
Sanctuary for you.

When he comes in,  
With shouts of glory,  
And our work on,  
Earth is done.  
How I long to,  
Hear him saying,  
Faithful servant, well done.



## CALL TO WORSHIP

*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.*



## 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

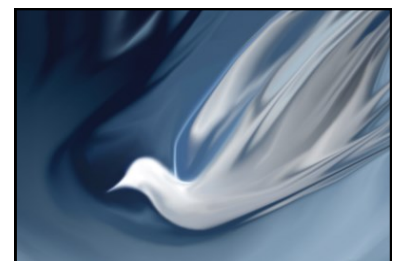
P: Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus,  
the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through  
Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven  
and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.



## This is Holy Time

This is Holy time  
We're gathered together  
To worship you and love one another  
And as we pray, and as we sing  
And as we dance, and as we dream  
Oh Lord, I beg of you just this one thing

Won't you dance with me  
Throughout the heavens  
And below the sea  
Up on the mountaintops  
Roll with the breeze  
Come carry me



Lord won't you dance...With me

### 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:** O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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!*



## WE HEAR GOD'S HOLY WORD

### First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24



<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;

in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

*Here ends the reading.*

## Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ] <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

## READING

### GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.





## Seek Ye First

- 1    Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
      and its righteousness,  
      and all these things shall be added unto you.  
      Allelu, alleluia.
  
- 2    Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
      seek and you shall find;  
      knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
      Allelu, alleluia.

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## **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: Holy God, you plant the seeds of  
faith in every nation. Enliven your  
church, so that the good news of  
your grace may root and grow  
throughout the world. Lord, in  
your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Judge of nations, we pray for our  
leaders and those in power. Grant  
them the ability to regard those  
under their charge with humility,  
dedicating their lives in service to  
others. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Divine comforter, you show  
compassion to those in need and  
provide relief to those who call on  
you. Bless all who suffer,  
especially people trapped in cycles  
of poverty and homelessness.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Sovereign God, this house of  
worship belongs to you. We give  
thanks and pray for our church  
musicians (*especially*). We dedicate  
to you the joyful noise that comes  
from this place; the cries of  
children, the melody of voice and  
instruments, and the songs from  
our hearts. 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 June: \$9,850**  
**Needed for Monthly Budget: \$25,974 for 37.9%**  
*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.

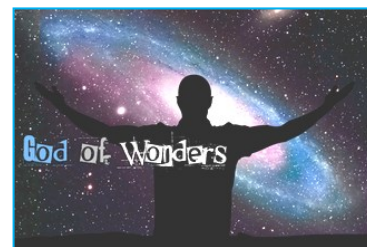
### BLESSING

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

## God Of Wonders



Lord of Heaven and Earth.

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Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky.

The heavens are your Tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are Holy, Holy.

The universe declares Your majesty, You are Holy, Holy.

Lord of Heaven and Earth

Lord of Heaven and Earth

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.

When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are Holy, Holy.

The universe declares Your majesty, You are Holy, Holy.

Lord of Heaven and Earth

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Hallelujah, to the Lord of Heaven and Earth (3x)

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are Holy, Holy.

Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me, You are Holy, Holy.

The universe declares Your majesty, You are Holy, Holy.

Lord of Heaven and Earth

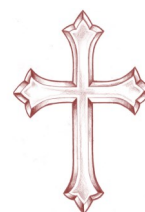
Lord of Heaven and Earth

*Lyrics by Chris Tomlin*

## 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

#### Pentecost 3 - June 13th

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



#### Mary Martha Circle - Bible Study - Wednesday, June 16th @ 9:30am

The Mary Martha Circle will meet Wednesday, June 16 at 9A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. At 9:30 Bible study starts. We will begin the summer series, "Just L.I.F.E ." (Liberation Is For Everyone!) found in the Gather magazine. Copies of the study will be available for anyone who is not a subscriber.

#### Father's Day - June 20th

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

#### Independence Day - July 4th - ALL Church Picnic & Concert



After services on Sunday, July 4th (noonish) there will be a ALL Church picnic & "Voices of New Life" Concert. **All are welcome! Help accepted! Please contact the office if you are able to attend and/or help.**



*In Sympathy* – We extend our Christian sympathy to Tally Perez, family and friends for the loss of her grandmother who died in Christ on Wednesday, June 4th.



May the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of Christ bring comfort and consolation to all who mourn.

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

