

## **Pentecost 7** July 11, 2021

## New Life Lutheran Church 8:00 AM Pearland, Texas



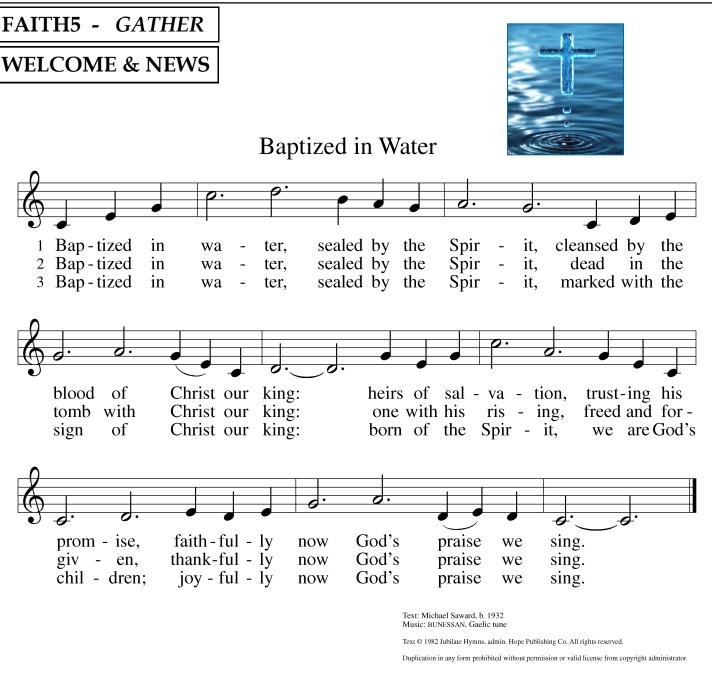
New Life Lutheran Church is a partner congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

## GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

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

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its TODAY @ NEW LIFE: mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.





## CALL TO WORSHIP

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



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.
- C: 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. Amen.

confession

#### WORDS OF ABSOLUTION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved people of God:



#### **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.



Johnny: In peace, in peace,

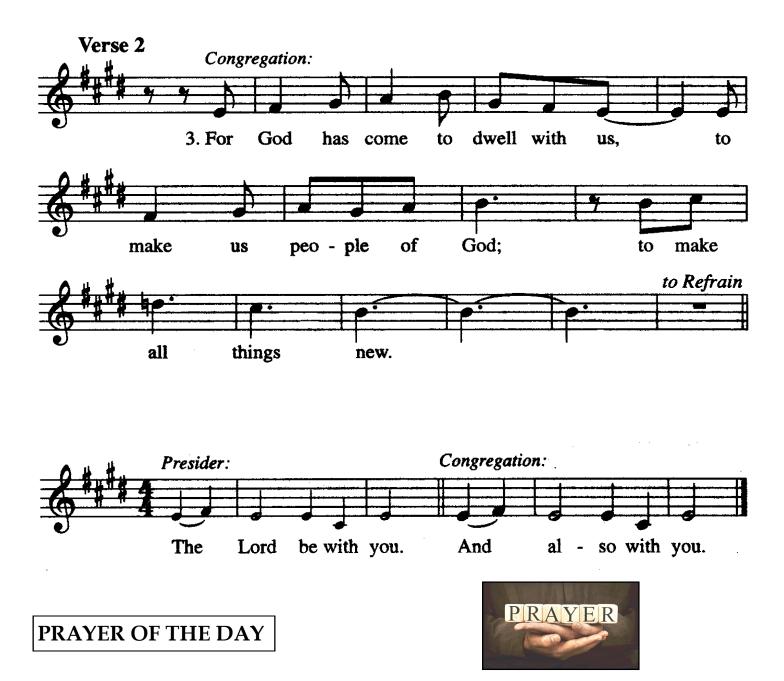


- Johnny: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all...
- Johnny: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word...



#### **NOW THE FEAST**





- P: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, 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: Amos 7:7-15

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,

and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' "

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Here ends the reading.



#### Psalm 85:8-13 - read responsively

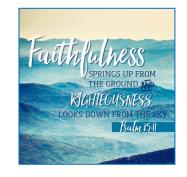
<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

# <sup>9</sup>Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

 <sup>11</sup>Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

#### <sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.



#### Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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: Mark 6:14-29

<sup>4</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

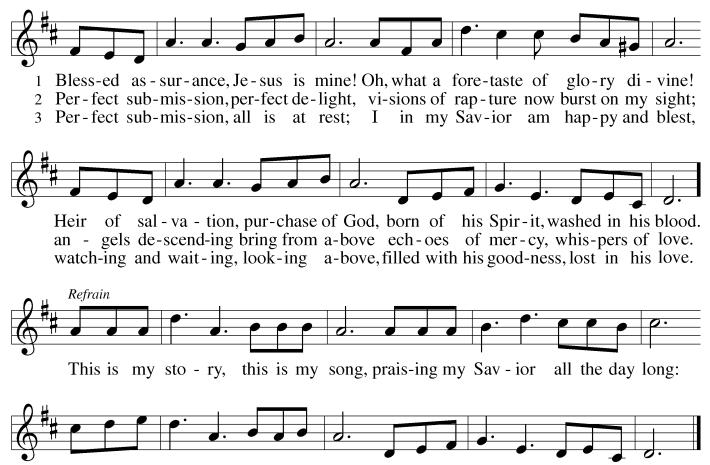
<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

- P: Word of God. Word of Life!
- C: Thanks be to God.





## **Blessed Assurance**



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

#### **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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.
- A brief silence.
- P: Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

### C: Hear our prayer.

- P: God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.

P: God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Lord, in your mercy,

### C: Hear our prayer.

P: God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for the custodian(s) and maintenance workers, for our office staff, and for all of our volunteers. Lord, in your mercy,

## C: Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.



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

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

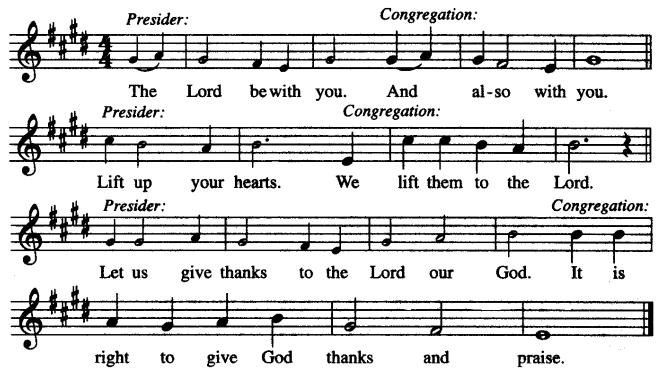
#### **Giving Update:** Giving for July: \$7,822.05 Needed for Monthly Budget: \$25,974 for 30%

Thank You!

#### THE OFFERING PRAYER

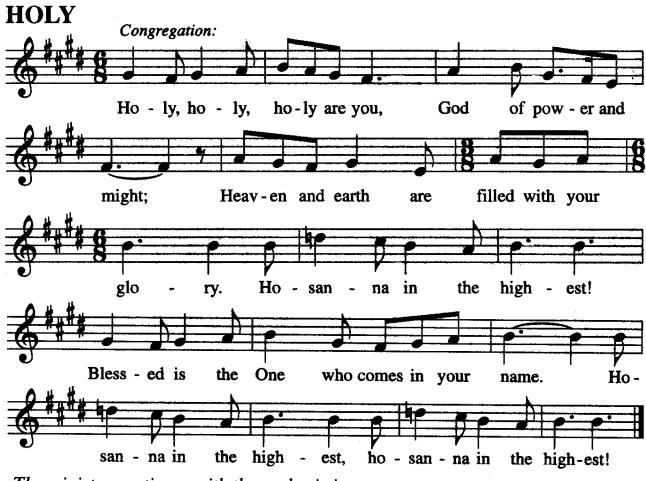
- P: Jesus, Bread of life,
- C: you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:



<sup>16</sup> The minister continues with the eucharistic prayer.

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: 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

- C: Amen!



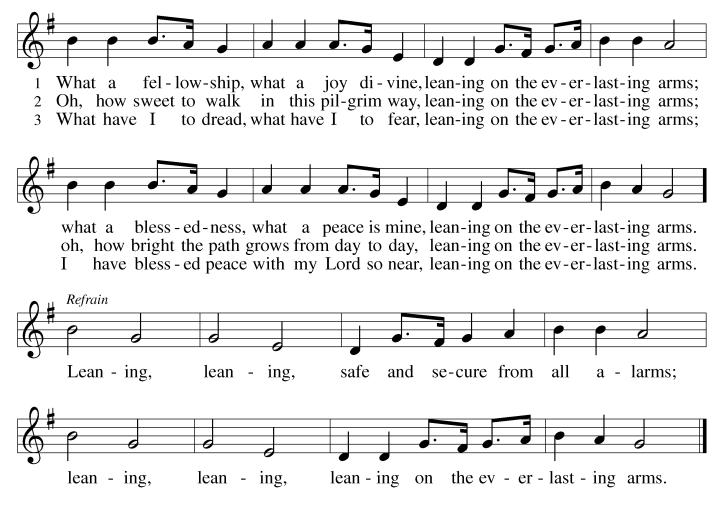


#### A SENDING SONG

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;



## What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



Text: Elisha Hoffman, 1839–1929 Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

#### 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 7 - July 11th

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



## Alvin Lutheran Church - Camp Hope - July 12th-16th

Campers are children who have completed Kindergarten – 5th grade. \$20 - contact Alvin Lutheran Church @ 281-331-5457 or https://www.alvinlutheran.org/

<u>Celebration of Sunday School Teachers and Attendance Awards - 2020-2021</u> July 18th @ the 10:30 service. Lutherhill Send-Off Blessing - after services

#### New Life Youth at Lutherhill - July 18th-23rd

\$327 was collected at the July 4th Picnic and Concert for Scholarships!





Meals on Wheels - July 26th-30th

Altar Flowers from this week are provided by Linda Stavinoha in memory of Dianne Leach's Birthday on July 14th.



*In Sympathy* – We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of former Church Secretary, Barbara Brown who died in Christ on Wednesday, June 30th. Her service was held Friday, July 9th at Forest Park Lawndale and New Life hosted a reception afterwards. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to New Life and the Glory of God. May the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of Christ bring comfort and consolation to all who mourn.



#### Personal Care Kits Seniors will be packing 50 kits on August 4th

We have some supplies already. Still needed to make 50 Health kits are:

49 - dark colored towels7 - clippers

25 - sturdy combs

25 - Toothbrushes 15 -150 - bars of soap Collection box in Narthex & Fellowship Hall



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zoom

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.