

## Backpack Blessing - Pentecost 12

August 15, 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:

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

**Gathering Songs**

New Life House Band

**WELCOME****Better Is One Day**

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.  
For my soul longs and even faints for You.  
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.  
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere,  
than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,  
to find You in the place Your glory dwells.  
For You are both our light and shield; your grace and power  
Bring joy to all who place their trust in You.

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.  
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere,  
than thousands elsewhere.

*Lyrics: Matt Redman*



## 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.

**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.

## WORDS OF ABSOLUTION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Beloved people of God:

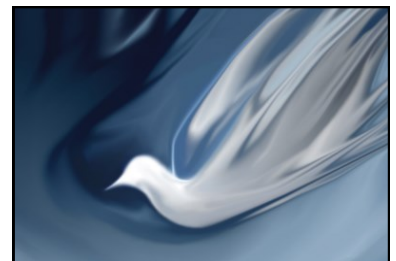
in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

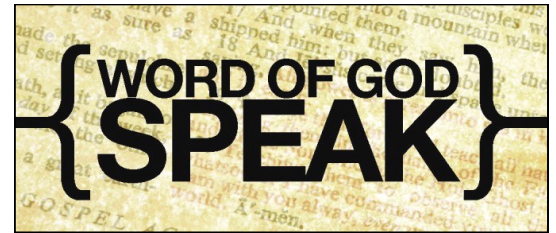
**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**



## Word of God Speak

I'm finding myself at a loss for words  
And the funny thing is it's okay  
The last thing I need is to be heard  
But to hear what You would say



*CHORUS:* Word of God speak  
Would You pour down like rain  
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty  
To be still and know that You're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness  
Word of God speak

I'm finding myself in the midst of You  
Beyond the music, beyond the noise  
All that I need is to be with You  
And in the quiet hear Your voice. *CHORUS*



I'm finding myself at a loss for words  
And the funny thing is it's okay

Mercy 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: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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: Proverbs 9:1-6

- <sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,  
<sup>4</sup>"You that are simple, turn in here!"  
To those without sense she says,  
<sup>5</sup>"Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
<sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight."



*Here ends the reading.*

#### Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

<sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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## READING

### GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup>“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.



THE MESSAGE

Pastor William L. Schwertlich





## Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life,

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;

from the cross to the grave,

from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high. *(Repeat)*

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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: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

P: God of wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide theologians, biblical scholars, authors, and seminary professors as they seek greater knowledge and invite others into deeper understanding. Teach us to ask faithful questions and open our minds to new ideas. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of all nations, direct our leaders. Grant them courage to lay aside political grudges and renew their determination to address difficult conflicts. Guide them in the work of reconciliation. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving and all those who suffer (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of beauty, inspire artists. Bless those whose visual and musical gifts enliven this assembly. Bless the creative work of poets, hymnwriters, composers, painters, sculptors, and others that enrich our worship and daily life. God, 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 August: \$11,844.15**  
**Needed for Monthly Budget: \$25,974 for 45.6%**  
*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 OF THE BACKPACKS



## 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

### Go, My Children, with My Blessing



- 1     “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.
- 2     “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,  
here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.
- 3     “I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.  
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.  
I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter and Brother.  
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.”

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## 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 12 - August 15th - 8:00 am & 10:30 am In-Person & Livestream Worship**



**BackPack Blessing - August 15th - during both services**

Previous weeks Services can be found under "videos" on  [NewLifeinPearland](#)

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

**New Life Adult Choir - Rehearsals on Wednesday @ 7:30pm**



**Altar Flowers from this week are provided by Linda Stavinoha for a safe and wonderful School Year for all the students returning to school.**



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

**School Kits** Seniors will be packing 220 kits on September 1st

**We have some supplies already. Still needed to make 220 School kits are:**



750 - 70 sheet spirals  
19 - Rulers  
1,000 - Black or Blue  
Ballpoint Pens

200 - 24 count crayons  
500 - pencils



**Collection boxes are in Narthex & Fellowship Hall**

**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**

