



**Pentecost 14**  
**August 29, 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:**

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

Gathering Songs

New Life House Band

WELCOME

Heart of Worship

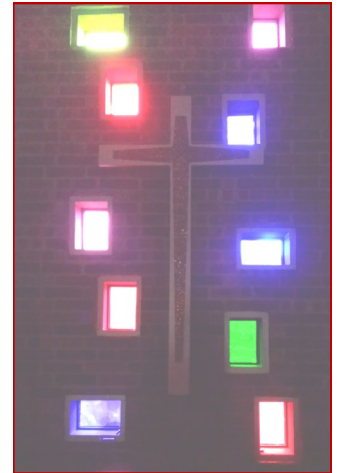
**Verse 1:** When the music fades  
All is stripped away  
And I simply come  
Longing just to bring  
Something that's of worth  
That will bless your heart

**Pre-chorus:** I'll bring you more than a song  
For a song in itself  
Is not what you have required  
You search much deeper within  
Through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart

**Chorus:** I'm coming back to the heart of worship  
And it's all about you,  
It's all about you, Jesus  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about you,  
It's all about you, Jesus

**Verse 2:** King of endless worth  
No one could express  
How much you deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor  
All I have is yours  
Every single breath

**(Pre-Chorus)**  
**(Chorus X2)**



Artist 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:

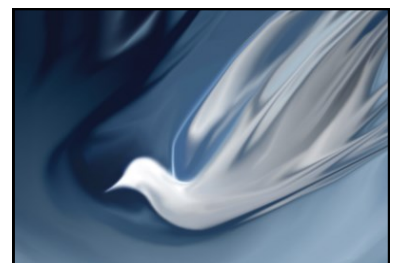
in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**



## WE ARE

Every secret, every shame. Every fear, every pain.  
Live inside the dark, but that's not who we are.  
We are children of the day.

Refrain:

We are the light of the world.  
We are the city on a hill.  
We are the light of the world.  
We gotta, we gotta, we gotta let the light shine. X2

We are called to spread the news. To tell the world  
the simple truth.  
Jesus came to save, there's freedom in his name.  
So let His love break through. *Refrain*

*After Last Refrain:*

Let the light shine. Let the light shine.  
Let the light shine. Let the light shine.

Songwriters  
BUTLER, CHUCK / CASH, ED / THIELE, JAMES / MCBRIDE, HILLARY



## 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 our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, 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

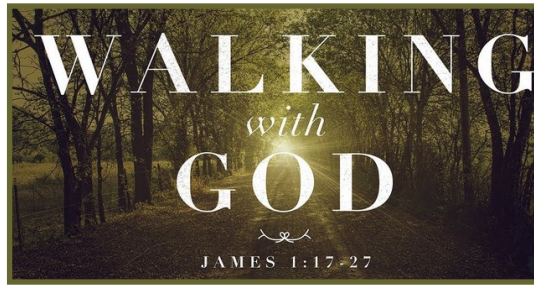
### First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

*Here ends the reading.*



## **Second Reading: James 1:17-27**

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

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## READING



**GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.



## Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God.  
Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God.  
May I be like you.

You are the potter,  
I am the clay;  
mold me and make me,  
this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God.  
Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God.  
May I be like you.



Text: Eddie Espinosa

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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: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: We pray for the church, that it is a safe haven for all who seek your presence. Fill it with pastors, deacons, and leaders who echo your expansive and generous welcome. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for all who are in need. Support and encourage those who are unemployed, underemployed, or experiencing poverty. Bring food, shelter, clothes, and stability for daily life. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for this congregation, especially those beginning a new school year. Empower teachers and school administrators. Guide students in their learning and development. Accompany parents, foster parents, and caregivers who provide encouragement and love. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: We give thanks for the faithful departed who showed us how to honor God with our heart. Inspire us by their example and renew our faith, trusting that we will be united with them in glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



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P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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: \$17,355**  
**Needed for Monthly Budget: \$25,974 for 66.8%**  
*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.

### CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

### 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

### "Soul on Fire"

By Third Day

All sing God, I'm running for Your heart  
2x I'm running for Your heart 'till I am a soul on fire  
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways  
I'm waiting for the day when I am a soul on fire  
Till I am a soul on fire



Houseband Lord, restore the joy I had;  
only When I have wandered, bring me back  
In this darkness, lead me through Until all I see is You

All sing God, I'm running for Your heart  
I'm running for Your heart 'till I am a soul on fire  
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways  
I'm waiting for the day when I am a soul on fire

Houseband Lord, let me burn for You again; Let me return to You again  
only Lord, let me burn for You again! Let me return to You again!  
God, I'm running for Your heart

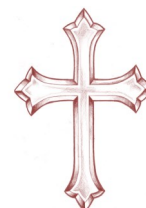
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Words and Music by  
MAC POWELL, TAI ANDERSON,  
MARK LEE, DAVID GARR,  
BRENTON BROWN and MATT MAHER

## 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 14 - August 29th - 8:00 am & 10:30 am In-Person & Livestream Worship**

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**



**Pentecost 16 - September 12th - Rally Day - Sunday School Restarts**



**Rally Day Meet the Teacher @ 9am followed by Breakfast and Class**

*In Sympathy* – We extend our Christian sympathy to Dianne Tanksley (New Life Quilter), her family and friends for the loss of her brother, Lt. Col. David Thomas who died in Christ on Friday, August 20th in Pilot Point, TX.



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

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Donald Purdum who died in Christ on Friday, August 20th.  
Service information TBD at a later date.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

**School Kits** Will now be packed at the Senior Lunch on October 6th  
Seniors will NOT hold their August luncheon due to new **COVID** issues



Collections have been fabulous, so we have most of the supplies already. Still needed to make 220

School kits are: 280 - 70 sheet spirals

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

### **Gospel Bible 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.

