



**Pentecost 15**  
**September 5, 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:**

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophoenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

Gathering Songs

New Life House Band

WELCOME



Are you hurting and broken within?  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?  
Jesus is calling

***Chorus***    **O come to the altar  
he Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling    ***Chorus X2***

***Bridge***    **Oh what a savior  
Isn't He wonderful?  
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen  
Bow down before Him  
For He is Lord of all  
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen**

## 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, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen!

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.



*Silence is kept for reflection.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: God, our comforter:

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

## WORDS OF ABSOLUTION AND FORGIVENESS

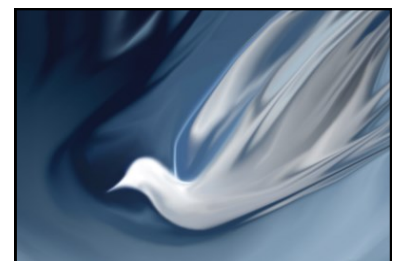
P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ☩ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

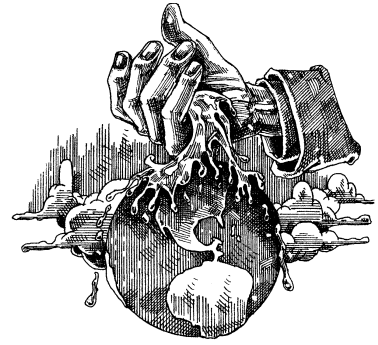
## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.



## One Name



1. One name under heaven;  
whereby we all are saved.  
One name under heaven;  
whereby we all are saved.
2. Forgiven of our sins; baptized in the water;  
Filled with the Holy Spirit; washed in the blood of the lamb.  
Forgiven of our sins; baptized in the water;  
Filled with the Holy Spirit; washed in the blood of the lamb.
3. Free, really free, my friend.  
Freed by the blood of the lamb.  
Free, really free, my friend.  
Freed by the blood of the lamb.
4. God's gonna move this place; God's gonna move this place.  
God's gonna turn this whole world upside down.  
God's gonna move this place; God's gonna move this place.  
God's gonna turn this whole world upside down.
5. *"Sing any one of the above verses"*
6. One name under heaven;  
whereby we all are saved.  
One name under heaven;  
whereby we all are saved.

### 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:** Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer 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: Isaiah 35:4-7a

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.

*Here ends the reading.*

## **Second Reading: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17**

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [<sup>11</sup>For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**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 7:24-37

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go — the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.



## **You Never Let Go**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
Your perfect love is casting out fear  
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life  
I won't turn back  
I know you are near

And I will fear no evil  
For my God is with me  
And if my God is with me  
Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?



(Chorus:)  
Oh no, You never let go  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no, You never let go  
In every high and every low  
Oh no, You never let go Lord, You never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on  
A glorious light beyond all compare  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
We'll live to know You here on the earth (Chorus)

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You (Chorus 2x's)



## **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: Holy One, you bring your people together in worship. Enliven your church. Guide all evangelists, preachers, prophets, and missionaries who seek to share your love through word and deed. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: You show no partiality. Increase justice in all nations. Encourage leaders and governments to work with one another for the good of our common world. Especially as we celebrate Labor Day, unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: You accompany those who are most in need. Shelter all fleeing violence or persecution, protect any who are in danger, and sustain them through uncertain and unstable times. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: We have witnessed great destruction and loss of life in our world. Be with the people of Louisiana who suffered injury and loss due to Hurricane Ida. Send people and aid to help rebuild what has been damaged. Also, bless and be with those families who suffered the loss of loved ones in Afghanistan in recent weeks. Comfort them with your grace and presence. 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: \$19,353.75**  
**Needed for Monthly Budget: \$25,974 for 74.5%**  
*Thank You!*

## THE OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of abundance ,

C: you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

C: AMEN!

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



P: Lord of life,

C: in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### BLESSING

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen!

## A SENDING SONG

## God Of Wonders

Lord of Heaven and Earth.

Lord of Heaven and Earth.

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

Lord of Heaven and Earth

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. The living Word dwells in you.

**C:** Thanks be to God.





# All are Welcome

## NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

PEARLAND, TEXAS

### UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITY & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Pentecost 15 - September 5th - 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**



**Saturday, September 11th - Leader's Huddle/Retreat**

**Pentecost 16 - September 12th - Grandparents Day**

**Rally Day - Sunday School Restarts**

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



**Altar Flowers this week are provided by Elna Ritter  
in memory of her brother, Paul Ffrench.**



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



**School Kits Will now be packed at the Senior Lunch on October 6th**

**Collections have been fabulous, so we have most  
of the supplies already. Still needed to make 220  
School kits are: 200 - 70 sheet spirals**



**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.**

