



Rally Day - Pentecost 16 **September 12, 2021**

New Life Lutheran Church 8:00 AM
Pearland, Texas



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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:

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of *messiah*) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.



Make Me a Servant

Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek. Lord, let me
 lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my
 heart al - ways be: Make me a ser - vant, make me a
 ser - vant, make me a ser - vant to - day.

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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.

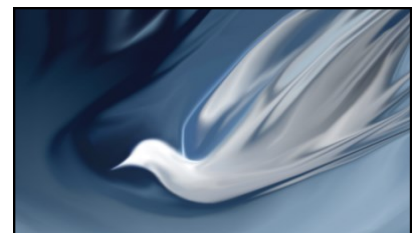
C: Amen.



SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.



Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the God of cre -
2 Praise the Al - might - y, o'er all life so won - drous - ly
3 Praise the Al - might - y, who pros - pers your work and de -
4 Praise the Al - might - y! In won - der my spir - it is



a - tion! My heart is long - ing to of - fer up sweet ad - o -
reign - ing, and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus -
fends you; see from the heav - ens the show - ers of mer - cy God
soar - ing! All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es out -



ra - tion. Mel - o - dy make; dul - ci - mer, harp, now a -
tain - ing. Have you not seen? All that is need - ful has
sends you. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can
pour - ing. Let the a - men sound from God's peo - ple a -



wake. Sound forth your praise, ev - 'ry na - tion.
been sent by God's gra - cious or - dain - ing.
do; in - fi - nite Love here be - friends you.
gain, glad - ly for - ev - er a - dor - ing!

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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.

KYRIE

Johnny: In peace, in peace,



Refrain

Assistant:

Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

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...

Help, save and de - fend us, O


Congregation:

God. A - men.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

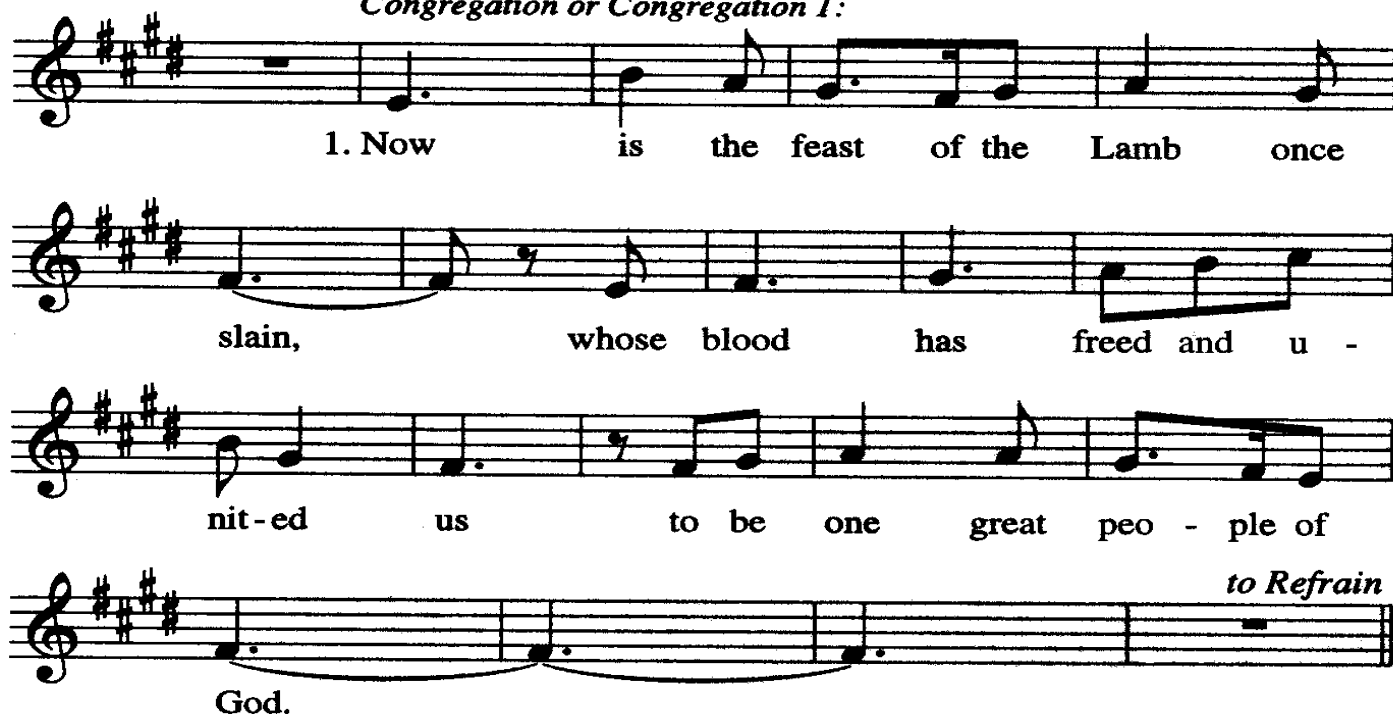
Congregation:



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God. *to Refrain*

Verse 2

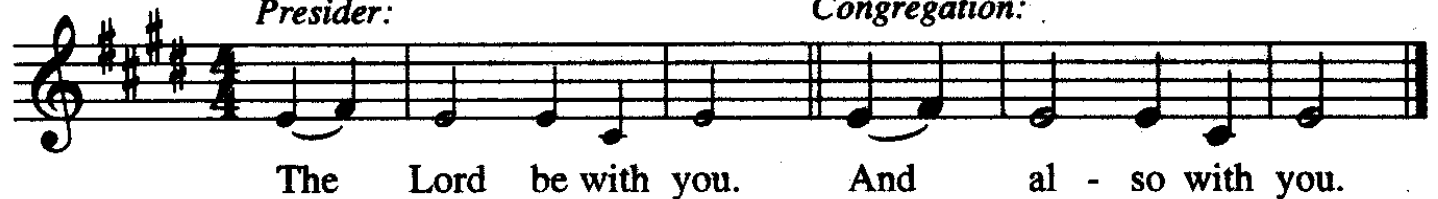
Congregation:



3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *to Refrain*

Presider:

Congregation:



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY



P: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow 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: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 116:1-9 - *read responsively*

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

**²for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

**⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

**⁶The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**



⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.

for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my life from death,**

my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

⁹**I will walk in the presence of the LORD**

in the land of the living.



Second Reading: James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue — a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

R: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL VERSE



P: The Good News of Jesus, Son of God according to St. Mark.

C: Praise to You, Lord Christ!

Gospel
READING



GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."



P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.

Nearer, My God, To Thee



1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, near - er to Thee!
 2. Though like the wan - der - er, the sun gone down,
 3. Near - er, my Lord, to thee, Near - er to thee!
 4. Near - er, O Com - for - ter, Near - er to thee!
 5. But to be near - er still, Bring me, O God,



E'en though it be a cross that rais - eth me,
 Dark - ness be o - ver me, my rest a stone.
 Who to the cross didst come, Dy - ing for me!
 Who with my lo - ving Lord Dwel - lest with me!
 Not by the vi - sioned steeps An - gels have trod.



Still all my song shall be, near - er, my God, to Thee.
 Yet in my dreams I'd be near - er, my God to Thee.
 Streng - then my wil - ling feet, Hold me in ser - vice sweet
 Grant me thy fel - low - ship! Help me each day to keep
 Here where thy cross I see, Je - sus, I wait for thee,



Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee!
 5. Then ev - er - more to be Near - er to Thee!

6. There in my Father's home, safe and at rest,
 There in my Savior's love, perfectly blest; Age
 after age to be, nearer my God to Thee.

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

A brief silence.

P: Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters (*recent destructive events may be named here*). Restore forests and curb overflowing waters.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.



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
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

Adult Choir

**Giving Update: Giving for September: \$7,549.77
Needed for Monthly Budget: \$25,974 for 29.1%**

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

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

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:

HOLY

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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: 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

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.



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All are Welcome

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

PEARLAND, TEXAS

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITY & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

HAPPY

GRANDPARENTS DAY!

Pentecost 16 - September 12th - Grandparents Day

- 8:00 am & 10:30 am In-Person & Livestream Worship
- 9:00 am Rally Day – Meet the Teacher, Breakfast, Discover your Classroom



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 @ 7:00pm

Saturday, September 18 is City Wide Cleanup
8:30am Orange St. Clean-Up



**Altar Flowers this week are provided by
the New Life "WOW" Women of Worth in memory of 911.**



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

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



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

School kits are: 200 - 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.

