



Rally Day - Pentecost 16

September 12, 2021

New Life Lutheran Church
Pearland, Texas

10:30AM



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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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Music: SERVANT, Kelly Willard

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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

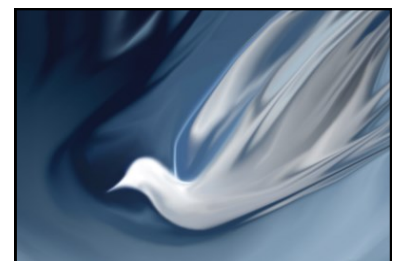
P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ☩ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.



Days of Elijah



1. These are the days of Elijah,
Preparing the way of the Lord.
These are the days of your servant
Moses, righteousness being restored.
These are the days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword.
We are the voice in the desert,
Crying prepare ye the way of the Lord.

Chorus:

**Behold he comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet sound.
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hills salvation comes.**

2. These are the days of Ezekiel,
Dry bones becoming as flesh.
These are the days of your servant David,
rebuilding the temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
the fields are as wide as the world,
And we are the workers in your vineyard
Preparing the way of the Lord.

Robin Mark

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, 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 awakens – awakens 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.

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!



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

C: Praise to You, Lord Christ!

Gospel

READING

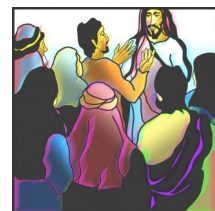


GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

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.

"We Believe"

In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear,
there is only one foundation. We believe, we believe.

In this broken generation, when all is dark, You help us see.
There is only one salvation. We believe, we believe.

REFRAIN

We believe in God the Father; we believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit; and He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion; we believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection; and He's comin' back again, we believe.

So, let our faith be more than anthems
greater than the songs we sing.
And in our weakness and temptations
we believe, we believe! **REFRAIN**

BRIDGE

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised; in the here and now,
let love invade!
Let the church live loud! Our God, we'll say, "We believe! We believe!"
And the gates of hell will not prevail,
for the pow'r of God has torn the veil.
Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe! We believe!

REFRAIN

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He's comin' back again! He's comin' back again!
We believe, We believe!

Lyrics by Newsboys

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: 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, 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 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

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."



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



Verse 1: I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Chorus: Amen, amen
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
Amen, amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives

Verse 2: I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Chorus: Amen, amen
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
Amen, amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

Bridge: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, every fear is gone
I know He holds my life, my future in his hands

Chorus: Amen, amen
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
Amen, amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives. Because He lives

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

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.**



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

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

