



**Pentecost 17**  
**September 19, 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:**

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

Gathering Songs

New Life House Band

WELCOME

**Open The Eyes of my Heart**

- 1    Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
     Open the eyes of my heart  
     I want to see you  
     I want to see you
- 2    To see You high and lifted up  
     Shining in the light of your glory  
     Pour out Your power and love  
     As we sing Holy, Holy, Holy
- 3    Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
     Open the eyes of my heart  
     I want to see you  
     I want to see you
- 4    To see You high and lifted up  
     Shining in the light of your glory  
     Pour out Your power and love  
     As we sing Holy, Holy, Holy
- 5    Holy, Holy, Holy  
     Holy, Holy, Holy  
     Holy, Holy, Holy  
     I want to see you
- 6    Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
     Open the eyes of my heart  
     I want to see you  
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Text: Michael W. Smith

## 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

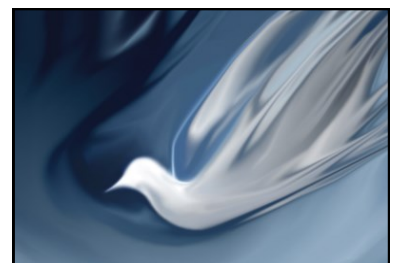
P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ☩ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

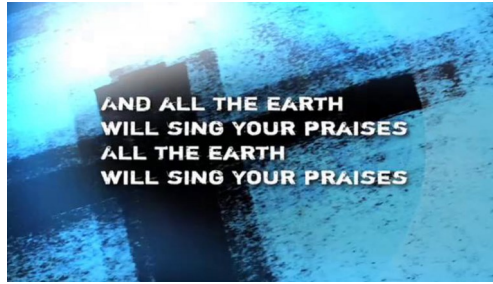
C: Amen.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.





## All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises

### *Refrain*

You lived, You died, You said in three days You would rise  
You did, You're alive  
You rule, You reign, You said You're coming back again  
I know You will and all the earth will sing Your praises

- 1 You took, You take our sins away oh God  
You give and gave Your life away for us  
You came down, You saved us thru the cross  
Our hearts are changed because of Your great love

### *Refrain*

- 2 No one, No name can rise above You Lord  
One hope, One life will shine forever more  
Your kingdom in heaven and on earth  
Your children stand to sing of Your great worth

### *Refrain*

Lyrics from: <http://www.lyricsty.com/paul-baloche-all-the-earth-will-sing-your-praises-lyrics.html>

### **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 teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of 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: Jeremiah 11:18-20

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

*Here ends the reading.*

## **Second Reading: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4:</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

**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 9:30-37

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

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## How Deep the Father's Love

1.

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond on measure  
That he should give his only son  
To make a wretch his treasure

How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns his face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen one  
Bring many sons to glory

2.

Behold the man upon the cross  
My sin upon his shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

3. I will not boast in anything

No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from his reward?

I cannot give an answer

But this I know with all my heart

His wounds have paid my ransom X2



## **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: God of community, we pray for the church around the world.

Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*



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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 September: \$11,363.29**

**Needed for Monthly Budget: \$25,974 for 43.7%**

*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

### I Will Wait For You

Out of the depths I cry to You  
In darkest places I will call  
Incline Your ear to me anew  
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord

Were You to count my sinful ways  
How could I come before Your throne  
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze  
I stand redeemed by grace alone

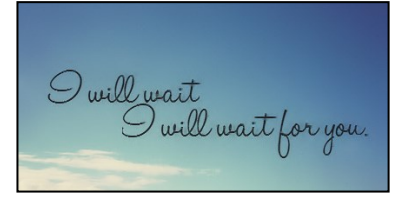
**Chorus:**    **I will wait for You**  
                 **I will wait for You**  
                 **On Your word, I will rely**

**I will wait for You**  
**Surely Wait for You**  
**Till my soul is satisfied**

So Put your  
hope in God alone  
Take courage in His Power to save  
Completely and forever won  
By Christ emerging from the grave **Chorus:**

Now He has come to make a way  
And God Himself has paid the price  
That all who trust in Him today  
Find healing in His Sacrifice **Chorus:**

**Final Chorus:**    **I will wait for You**  
                         **I will wait for You**  
                         **Through the storm and through the night**  
                         **I will wait for You**  
                         **Surely Wait for You**  
                         **For Your love is my delight**



## 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 17 - September 19th

- 8:00 am & 10:30 am In-Person & Livestream Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday School hour



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**



**Meals on Wheels Delivery**

Monday-Friday, September 20-24

Altar Flowers this week are provided by Mike & Terri Kiser in honor of their 44th Wedding anniversary, Terri's Birthday (September 21st) and their daughter, Linda's Birthday (September 19th).



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



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

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Lutheran World Relief Kit projects this year!



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.

