



## Epiphany 7

### February 20, 2022

New Life Lutheran Church  
Pearland, Texas

9:30AM



*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:

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

## Gathering Songs

## New Life House Band

## WELCOME



## Break Now the Bread of Life

Chords: D, G, D, A, D

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly  
 4 O send your Spir - it now, dear Lord, to me, that he may

Chords: A/E, E7, A, A7, D

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond - age cease,  
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live  
 touch my eyes and make me see. Show me the truth made plain

Chords: A/C#, E, A, A7, D, Em/G, A, A7, D

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All in all!  
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.  
 with - in your Word, for in your book re - vealed I see you, Lord.

## 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,

**C: who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. Amen!**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ABSOLUTION AND FORGIVENESS

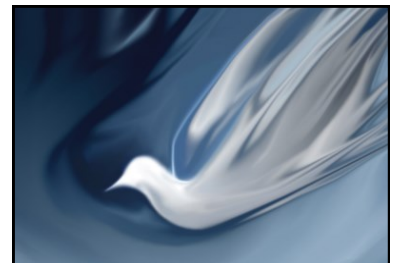
P: Rejoice in this good news: In ✙ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**





# Bless the Lord Oh My Soul (10,000 Reasons)

REFRAIN:      Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul  
Worship His Holy name.  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up; It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, And whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing When the evening comes. *Refrain*

You're rich in love, And You're slow to anger;  
Your name is great, And Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find... *Refrain*

And on that day, When my strength is failing,  
The end draws near And my time has come,  
Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years And then forevermore.  
Forevermore! *Refrain*

Songwriters  
Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

## GREETING

P: Grace and peace to all of you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; and may the inseparableness of the Holy Spirit be with everyone here!

**C: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY



P: O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there — since there are five more years of famine to come — so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' " <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

*Here ends the reading.*



## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” <sup>36</sup>Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup>So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

<sup>50</sup>What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

R: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God!

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

C: Praise to You, Lord Christ!

# Gospel

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## READING



### GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

[Jesus said:] <sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

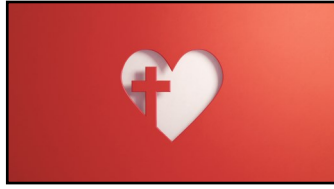
<sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

P: Word of God. Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.





**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Contemporary)**

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us your humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, you are all compassion, pure, unbounded love you are;  
visit us with your salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe your loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in you inherit; let us find your promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all your life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore your temples leave.  
You we would be always blessing, serve you as your hosts above,  
pray, and praise you without ceasing, glory in your perfect love.
- 4 Finish then your new creation, pure and spotless always true;  
let us see your great salvation perfectly restored in you!  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before you, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

## **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: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

P: You teach us to love our neighbors and enemies alike. Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Look upon our world with mercy, that we delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest. Release political prisoners and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: You bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes, and show love to those who are lonely or grieving. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: We praise you for the saints who have inherited the fullness of your kingdom (*especially*). As you have raised them to imperishable and eternal life, sustain us in faith by the promise of resurrection. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**



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P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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 to 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



## THE OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God,

C: Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. 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 has 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



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: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

**C: AMEN!**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God,



**C: for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**C: Amen!**

## A SENDING SONG



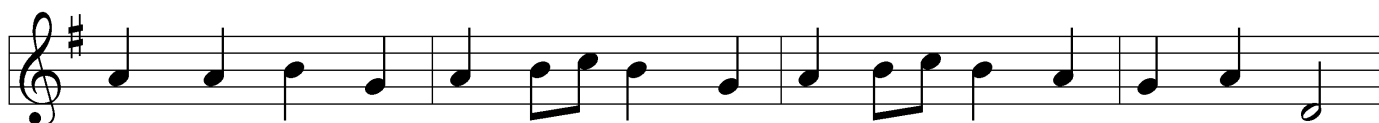
### Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant-ing bird, and flow-ing foun-tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1933

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## WE GO TO SERVE THE LORD

**P:** Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

**C:** Thanks be to God.



**Please stay for the Annual Meeting that will start in a few minutes.**



# All are Welcome

## NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

PEARLAND, TEXAS

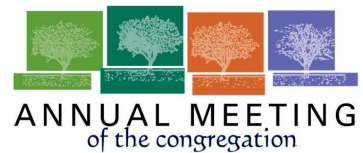
### UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Epiphany 7 - Sunday, February 20th - @ 9:30am**

**Annual Congregational and Budget Meeting** after the service.

**Epiphany 8 Sunday, February 27th - Baptism**

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



Previous weeks Services can be found under "videos" on  NewLifeinPearland

Masks are no longer required, but are encouraged. Social Distancing & Sanitation still Practiced.



**Shrove Tuesday - Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper**

**Tuesday, March 1st @ 6pm.** The New Life Church Council and some of the guys will be cooking for us.

**Ash Wednesday Services Wednesday, March 2nd at 11am & 7pm.** The Seniors Luncheon is still on for Noon that day as well.



New Life continues to collect funds, canned goods and non-perishable food items for Christion Helping Hands. Mike Kiser put out Collection notices in the neighborhood and then went door-to-door on Sunday to collect items. As of Monday, Feb 14th, more than 300 pounds of food had been collected!

Altar Flowers this week are provided by Nancy & Alan Fuller  
in honor of February birthdays.



The 2022 Sign-Up Charts for Altar Flowers (\$45),  
Communion Elements (\$40) & Lawn Care (now \$560/mo.)  
are now available in the Narthex.

