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Have
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Me
John
17:21

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pearland, TX

Worship at 10:30 AM

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

May 29, 2022

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING SONGS - New Life House Band

WELCOME - Pastor Clayton Faulkner

GATHERING SONG *This is Holy Time*

This is Holy time
We're gathered together
To worship you and love one another
And as we pray, and as we sing
And as we dance, and as we dream
Oh Lord, I beg of you just this one thing

Won't you dance with me
Throughout the heavens
And below the sea
Up on the mountaintops
Roll with the breeze
Come carry me

Lord won't you dance...with me

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LITANY AFTER GUN VIOLENCE

P: Today we remember
those who have died by gun violence,
those who have survived gun violence,
those who mourn deaths of family and friends by gun violence.

Aching with sorrow.

All: we grieve this pain and death that surrounds and fills us.

P: Today we remember the mass killing in Buffalo, New York, the church shooting at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Irvine, California, and the mass killing at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

Rejecting the viciousness

All: we give ourselves to one another in love and care.

P: Today we remember
deaths and fears of death
rampant in schools, places of worship, and workplaces.
Pleading for their lives, young people awaken us to action.

Listening at last

All: we rise up to face the horror; we confess ourselves complicit.

P: Let us pray together.

**All: Forgive, O God, our wrongful action and our inaction.
Forgive our silence and indifference.
Lead us in love, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

P: May God who is our hope
inscribe our hearts with justice and guide us in the ways of peace.

All: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

What a Beautiful Name

VERSE 1

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord most high
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

CHORUS 1

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

VERSE 2

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now?

CHORUS 2

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

BRIDGE

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all Names

CHORUS 3

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

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PRAYER - Pastor Clayton Faulkner

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

A: ¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them

up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 97 *Please read responsively.*

A: ¹The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**All: ²Clouds and darkness surround the Lord,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's
throne.**

A: ³Fire goes before the Lord, burning up enemies on every side.

**All: ⁴Lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

A: ⁵The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

**All: ⁶The heavens declare your righteousness, O Lord,
and all the peoples see your glory.**

A: ⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the Lord, all you gods.

**All: ⁸Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O Lord.**

A: ⁹For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

**All: ¹⁰You who love the Lord, hate evil!
God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from
the hand of the wicked.**

A: ¹¹Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.

**All: ¹²Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

L: ¹²"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony

for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

L: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *What a Beautiful Name*

Chorus

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this

What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

GOSPEL READING: John 17:20-26

P: The holy gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus prayed:] ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name

known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - Pastor Clayton Faulkner

SONG OF THE DAY *If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers*



If we just talk of thoughts and prayers
If we just dream of what could be
If we just sing of doing good
God, may our prayers and dreams and songs

— And don't live out a faith that dares,
— And do not build com-mun-i-ty,
— And don't walk through our neigh-bor-hood
— Lead to a faith that takes on wrongs -

— And don't take on the ways of death,
— And do not seek to change our ways,
— To learn its hope, to ease its pain,
- That works for peace and just-ice, too,

— Our thoughts and prayers are fleet-ing breath.
— Our dreams of change are false dis-plays.
— Our talk of good is simp-ly vain.
— Then will our prayers bring joy to you.

Biblical References: Isaiah 58; Matthew 7:21, 24-27; 1 Corinthians 13:1; James 2:14-26; 1 John 3:18-24

Tune: Traditional English melody

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Let us pray for and lament over the violence that has visited our community in the last week.

A brief silence.

A: God our deliverer, restore what is broken in our world. We wait with eagerness and hope for the new age and an end to violence. Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

A: Christ our victim, whose beauty was disfigured and whose body was torn upon the cross; open wide your arms to embrace our broken world, including the students, faculty, and the families that mourn at Robb Elementary School. Bring all in need your mercy. Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

A: God whose holy name defies our definition, but whose will is known in freeing the oppressed, make us to be one with all who cry for justice; work through our lawmakers who seek an end to gun violence in our nation. Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

A: O God our comfort, whose word brings peace; heal the wounds of those who suffer the diseases of hatred and mental illness. Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

A: God of healing, use us as instruments of peace to transform our nation and remake it through your words of peace and love. Stir us to dismantle the systemic violence that plagues our culture. Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: O God who brought us to birth, and in whose arms we die, to your merciful keeping we commit all who have died in this tragedy; for in you there is a life that death cannot destroy. Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

P: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

The ministry of New Life Lutheran Church is made possible through the tithes, gifts, and offerings of the people. We encourage you to give as an act of worship today. There is an offering plate in the Narthex. You can offer a gift by texting to 281.864.3278, adding a dollar amount to the message box, and send. A link will appear for a one time set up. Once it is set up, it takes seconds to give again. You can also give through our website: NewLifeLutheran.com and click on the "Give" tab.

OFFERTORY - New Life House Band

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God.

SHARING THE MEAL

Everyone is welcome to receive Jesus in bread and wine. This is Jesus' table and he welcomes all. Pre-filled communion packets are available in the Narthex if you would prefer to receive communion that way. Everyone else is invited to come down the center aisle forming one continuous line. You will receive a piece of bread with the words, "The body of Christ given for you," and you can respond with, "Amen." You will then either turn left or right, depending on which section of pews you are sitting in. You will receive an individual cup of either wine (red) or grape juice (clear) with the words, "The blood of Christ shed for you," and you can respond with, "Amen." There is a basket available for your empty cup. You will then return to your pew from the side aisle.

COMMUNION SONG Come to the Table of Grace

Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.

2. Come to the table of peace...

3. Come to the table of love...

4. Come to the table of hope...

5. Come to the table of joy...

COMMUNION SONG

The Summons

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
- 3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst
are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the
resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus'
name.

All: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Clayton Faulkner

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Humble Thyself – Awesome God*

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord (Echo)
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord (Echo)
And He shall lift you up, higher and higher
And He shall lift you up, up into Heaven
And He shall lift you up

Our God is an Awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love
Our God is an Awesome God!

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

All: Thanks be to God.

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 29, 2022

All Are Welcome!
New Life Lutheran Church

UPCOMING CHURCH **ACTIVITY & WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Confirmation Sunday May 29th @ 8:00 am - 8:00 am & 10:30 am

In-Person & Livestream

9:15am Confirmation Essays – Bryce Flick, Masamo Faulkner & Korie Williams

Memorial Day May 30th - Office Closed

Pentecost June 5th - 8:00 am & 10:30 am

In-Person & Livestream Worship

Pastor Clayton's Bible study at 9:15 AM



Pastor Faulkner – Ordination & Installation

Saturday, June 11th 4:00pm

Followed by a BBQ dinner – Please bring a side dish to share for this wonderful event.

Holy Trinity June 12th - 8:00 am & 10:30 am

In-Person & Livestream Worship

Camp Lutherhill Blessing



We extend our Christian sympathy to Loretta Kaiser, family and friends for the loss of her mother, Jean Rose Durrett (85). Jean gained her wings and died in Christ on May 23, 2022. Services for Jean were held on Saturday, May 28th in Onalaska, TX.

Today's Worship Leaders (10:30am)

Assisting Minister

Communion Assistants

Usher

Technology

Barbara Flowers, Tiffany Brown-Pineda

Cathy Scott

Mike Kiser, Korie Williams



Confirmation Sunday
May 22nd
Jocelyn Weber

Altar Flowers this week are provided by the Flick Family
in honor of the 2022 Confirmands.

