

**“declare how much
God has done”
Luke 8:39**



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pearland, TX

Worship at 10:30 AM

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

June 19, 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 ***Jesus Help My Find My Proper Place***

Jesus, help me find my proper place
Jesus, help me find my proper place
Help me in my weakness
When I have turned my back on grace
Jesus
Jesus (3 X)

Adapted from Lou Reed and the Blind Boys from Alabama

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

All: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

All: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

All: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Heart of Worship*

Verse 1:

When the music fades
All is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring
Something that's of worth
That will bless your heart

Pre-chorus:

I'll bring you more than a song
For a song in itself
Is not what you have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus:

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about you,
It's all about you, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about you,
It's all about you, Jesus

Verse 2:

King of endless worth
No one could express
How much you deserve
Though I'm weak and poor
All I have is yours
Every single breath

(Pre-Chorus)

(Chorus X2)

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PRAYER - Pastor Clayton Faulkner

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

A: ¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me.
I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.
²I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;
³a people who provoke me to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks;
⁴who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
⁵who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me,
for I am too holy for you."
These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.
⁶See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps
⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the LORD;
because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me
on the hills,
I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.
⁸Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,"
so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.
⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:19-28

Please read responsively

A: ¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.

**All: ²⁰Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.**

A: ²¹Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

**All: ²²I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

A: ²³You who fear the LORD, give praise!
All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-spring of Israel.

**All: ²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their
poverty;
neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

A: ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**All: ²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts live forever!**

A: ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**All: ²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

A: ²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong

to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Heart of Worship*

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about you,
It's all about you, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about you,
It's all about you, Jesus

GOSPEL READING: Luke 8:26-39

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they

found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - Pastor Clayton Faulkner

SONG OF THE DAY *Precious Lord Take My Hand*

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
 lead me on, let me stand,
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 Through the storm, through the night,
 lead me on to the light.
 Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 2 When my way grows drear,
 precious Lord, linger near,
 when my life is almost gone,
 hear my cry, hear my call,
 hold my hand lest I fall.
 Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 3 When the darkness appears
 and the night draws near,
 and the day is past and gone,
 at the river I stand,
 guide my feet, hold my hand.
 Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith together using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

LAMENT FOR RACISM

Today we remember two occasions: the commemoration of the Emanuel Nine and Juneteenth. Seven years ago, on June 17, 2015, nine people of color met to read the Bible and pray at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC. We speak their names: Cynthia Hurd, Suzy Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, Rev. De'Payne Middleton-Doctor, Rev. Clementa Pinckney, Tywanza Sanders, Rev. Daniel L. Simmons, Rev. Sharonda Singleton, Myra Thompson. Their lives were taken by a white supremacist who was a member of an ELCA church.

Juneteenth is a holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. It recalls how the states of Louisiana and Texas heard the news that President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Slavery continued in those two states for more than two years after the proclamation was signed because the Confederacy did not surrender until April 9, 1865. Former slaves in Texas and Louisiana finally heard the good news on June 19, 1865.

As a church, we lament for racism and the injustices that people in our country face. People of color may opt for silence during parts of this lament to contemplate the community's words.

P: The sin of racism hurts communities of color, fractures human relationships, and denies God's good creation. Lament is a way for us to recognize the harm caused by racism.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus (*Romans 8:35-39*). God's grace in Christ frees us for the difficult work of recognizing and lamenting racism.

We are all part of one body in Christ, called to act with equity, fairness, and justice. God's saving love creates grace-filled spaces within us and within our relationships. God's saving love calls and leads us toward rooting out the racism that continues to infect the body.

Within the whole human family, people of color have experienced both interpersonal aggression and structural oppression instead of abundant life. We recognize and lament the harm racism has caused to African Descent communities; We cry out to you,

All: hear our lament, O God.

P: We have assigned the notion of race to human beings created in God's own divine image. We have judged God's beautiful diversity by our flawed and artificial standards. We cry out to you,

All: hear our lament, O God.

P: We have used language and images in ways that equate *black* and *dark* with dirt and sin, and that fail to welcome the treasures of darkness in God's good creation. We cry out to you,

All: hear our lament, O God.

P: We have accepted practices in our churches and in our society that privilege whiteness over diversity and equity. We have been complicit in how racism continues to exclude and harm people of color. We cry out to you,

All: hear our lament, O God.

P: When one part of the body of Christ hurts, the whole body hurts. As we listen to people who are harmed by racism, we call to you,

All: open our hearts, O God.

P: As we reflect on our daily interactions with people and communities of color, we call to you,

All: open our hearts, O God.

P: As we reconsider what we have been taught about race and racism, we call to you,

All: open our hearts, O God.

P: As we contemplate what we have done and what we have left undone, we call to you,

All: open our hearts, O God.

P: As we labor to create a loving and safe community for our siblings of color, we call to you,

All: open our hearts, O God.

P: Holy and merciful God, as your people we recommit ourselves to loving one another as you have loved us. We pray in the name of the One who has made us one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

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.

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.

P: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.

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 *Holy Spirit*

Verse

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord

Chorus

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

Repeat Verse and Chorus

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COMMUNION SONG

Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Refrain:

Jesus Messiah, name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, The ransom from Heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body, the bread, His blood, the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth tremble and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, Love so amazing. Refrain

All our hope is in You! All our hope is in You!
All the glory to You, God: The light of the world Refrain

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Clayton Faulkner

BLESSING

P: The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and
always.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Take My Life*

Refrain:

Take my life that I may be, consecrated, Lord to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

1. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*
2. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use, every power as thou shall choose. *Refrain*
3. Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*
4. Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2022

**All Are Welcome!
New Life Lutheran Church**

**UPCOMING CHURCH
ACTIVITY & WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Father's Day June 19th - 8:00 am & 10:30 am In-Person &
Livestream Worship
Bible Study @ 9:15am

Youth at Lutherhill – June 12-24

Time of Pentecost

Helping Hands/Worship Leader Volunteer Meeting June 26th
After 8:00 am & 10:30 am Services

Vacation Bible School July 31 – August 4, 6:00-8:00pm

Pastor Clayton Faulkner Ordination & Installation



Altar Flowers this week are provided by Hap & Roberta Cummings in celebration of their 55th Wedding Anniversary.



Today's Worship Leaders (10:30am)

Assisting Minister

Communion Assistants

Usher

Technology

Bryan Bradford

Tiffany Brown-Pineda & Tamsey Mims

Cathy Scott

Mike Kiser, Korie Williams