



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pearland, TX

Worship at 10:30 AM

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

June 26, 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 *Better Is One Day*

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere,
than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,
to find You in the place Your glory dwells.
For You are both our light and shield; your grace and power
Bring joy to all who place their trust in You.

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Lyrics: Matt Redman
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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 *Wade in the Water* [A leader sings the words in parentheses]

Refrain

Wade in the water,
wade in the water, children,
wade in the water,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

1 (See that host all dressed in white,)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(the leader looks like the Israelite.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

2 (See that band all dressed in red,)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(looks like the band that Moses led.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

3 (Look over yonder, what do I see?)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(the Holy Ghost a-coming on me.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

4 (If you don't believe I've been redeemed,)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(just follow me down to Jordan's stream.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

PRAYER - Pastor Clayton Faulkner

WORD

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

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

A: ¹⁵Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

Please read responsively

A: ¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**All: ²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

A: ³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**All: ⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

A: ⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**All: ⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

A: ⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**All: ⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

A: ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**All: ¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

A: ¹¹You will show me the path of life;

**All: in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

A: ¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.

¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.

¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ***Better is One Day***

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:51-62

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - Pastor Clayton Faulkner

SONG OF THE DAY ***What a Friend We Have in Jesus***

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

A: God of gentleness, strengthen the earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

A: God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict, including those in Ukraine. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

A: God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying, including our homebound members. Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

A: God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

P: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

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.. 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 by scanning the QR code on the pew.

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 *Your Love, Oh Lord*

CHORUS

Your love, oh Lord
Reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

I will lift my voice
To worship You, my King
I will find my strength
In the shadow of your wings.

CHORUS

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Reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

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COMMUNION SONG *Make Me a Servant*

Make me a servant, humble and meek.
Lord let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
 Make me a servant, make me a servant,
 make me a servant today

Text: Kelly Willard
Music: SERVANT, Kelly Willard

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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

Farewell and Godspeed

P: Tiffany, as your time of serving on staff at New Life Lutheran Church comes to a close, we wish to bid you farewell.

A reading from Exodus: The LORD said, "I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared." (*Exodus 23:20*)

We are proud to say that Tiffany Pineda recently earned her associate degree, was inducted into the Delta Mu Delta International Honor Society in Business, and has taken a job offer as an office assistant with the City of Pearland's Fire Department. Tiffany began work at New Life on August 1, 2017. After nearly 5 years, we are sad to see her leave our staff but know that she has great things ahead for her. Thankfully she will remain a member of New Life and continue to support the church as a volunteer.

In holy baptism our Lord Jesus Christ called you as a child of God and gifted you to serve the mission of this church. When you began serving this *congregation*, we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have come to know and to share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you.

We encourage you to continue to receive and share God's gifts as a member and volunteer at New Life, united with us in the body of Christ and the mission we share.

P: Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank you for Tiffany and for her time on staff at our church. As she has been a blessing to us, so now send her forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

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 *Here I Am Lord*

- 1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

- 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

- 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022

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

**UPCOMING CHURCH
ACTIVITY & WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Third Sunday after Pentecost June 26th - 8:00 am & 10:30 am In-Person &
Livestream Worship
Bible Study @ 9:15am

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

Season of Pentecost

Single Mom's Closet Saturday, July 30th 2:00-4:00pm

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

New Life Youth at Lutherhill & Lutherhill Blessing



Altar Flowers this week are provided by Derrick and Jamie Flick in celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.



Today's Worship Leaders (10:30am)

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistants
Usher
Technology

Peter Weber
Barbara Flowers & Bryan Bradford
Cathy Scott
Mike Kiser, Korie Williams