



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pearland, TX

Worship at 10:30 AM

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

July 24, 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 *Baptized in Water*

- 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
 cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
 heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
 faithfully now God's praise we sing.
- 2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
 dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
 one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
 thankfully now God's praise we sing.
- 3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
 marked with the sign of Christ the king:
 born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
 joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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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 Come As You Are

1. Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let the rescue begin
Come find your mercy Oh, sinner, come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

Refrain

**So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
Oh, wanderer come home you're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are**

2. There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure. ***Refrain***

3. Come as you are now; you're never to lost
Fall in His arms at the foot of the cross
Joy for the morning, Oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. ***Refrain***

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PRAYER - Pastor Clayton Faulkner

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

A: ²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while

Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

Please read responsively

A: ¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ^ly whole heart;
before the gods I will ^l sing your praise.

All: ²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

A: ³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

All: ⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

A: ⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

**All: ⁶The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

A: ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

**All: ⁸You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15

A: ⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Come As You Are

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame

All who are broken lift up your face

Oh, wanderer come home you're not too far

So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are

GOSPEL READING: Luke 11:1-13

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - Pastor Clayton Faulkner

SONG OF THE DAY *God of Wonders*

Lord of Heaven and Earth.

Lord of Heaven and Earth.

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky.

The heavens are your Tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are Holy, Holy.

The universe declares Your majesty, You are Holy, Holy.

Lord of Heaven and Earth

Lord of Heaven and Earth

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.

When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are Holy, Holy.

The universe declares Your majesty, You are Holy, Holy.

Lord of Heaven and Earth

Lord of Heaven and Earth

Hallelujah, to the Lord of Heaven and Earth (3x)

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are Holy, Holy.

Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me, You are Holy, Holy.

The universe declares Your majesty, You are Holy, Holy.

Lord of Heaven and Earth

Lord of Heaven and Earth.

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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: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

A: Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer, including the immigrant and the refugee. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the preparations for Vacation Bible School in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

P: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

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 maintaining two continuous lines. You will receive a piece of bread with the words, "The body of Christ given for you," and you can respond with, "Amen." Remain on the side of the 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 Let Us Eat***

- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
 Our Lord's body let us take together,
 our Lord's body let us take together.
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
 Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
 Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
- 3 In his presence now we meet and rest,
 in his presence now we meet and rest.
 In the presence of our Lord we gather,
 in the presence of our Lord we gather.
- 4 Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,
 rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
 Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,
 Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. c. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.
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COMMUNION SONG *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

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 *Forever*

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise
With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise
Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
By the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise
Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, forever *Repeat*

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

All: Thanks be to God.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2022

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

**UPCOMING CHURCH
ACTIVITY & WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 24th

8:00 am & 10:30 am In-Person & Livestream Worship

Vacation Bible School Leaders Meeting Sunday, July 24th @ 9:15am

Season of Pentecost

Single Mom's Closet Saturday, July 30th 10:30am-2:30pm

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

Rally Day & Backpack Blessing August 14th

Sunday School Begins August 21st

New Member Class August 28th @ Noon

God's Work, Our Hands Service Sunday September 11th

One Worship Service @ 9:30am

Today's Worship Leaders (10:30am)

Assisting Minister

Communion Assistants

Usher

Technology

Peter Weber

Bryan Bradford, Cheryl Robinson

Cathy Scott

Mike Kiser, Korie Williams