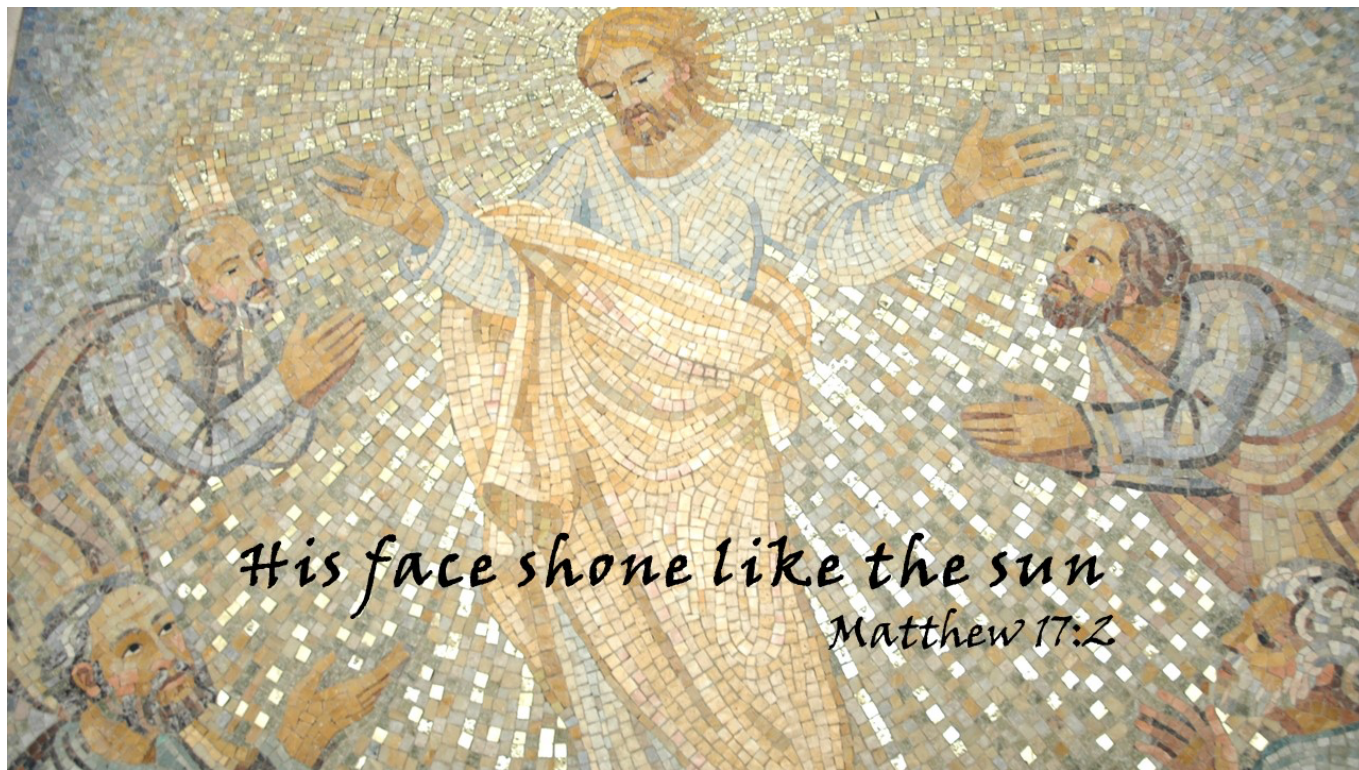




NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pearland, TX

Worship at 10:30 AM

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Holy Communion

February 19, 2023

GATHERING

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

GATHERING SONGS - New Life House Band

WELCOME – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

GATHERING SONG *Here In This Place*



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ers,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

All: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

GATHERING 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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PRAYER – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

A: ¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders Moses had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day God called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 2 *Please read responsively*

A: ¹Why are the nations in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

All: ²Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?

A: ³"Let us break their yoke," they say;
"let us cast off their bonds from us."

**All: ⁴God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the LORD holds them in derision.**

A: ⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them,
and in rage fills them with terror.

**All: ⁶"As for me, I have anointed my king
upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

A: ⁷Let me announce the decree of the LORD,
who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

**All: ⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your
inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

A: ⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

**All: ¹⁰And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

A: ¹¹Submit to the LORD with fear,
and with trembling bow in worship;

**All: ¹²lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of
wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

A: ¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known
to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had
been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For Jesus received honor and
glory from God, the Father, when that voice was conveyed to him
by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with
whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come
from heaven, while we were with Jesus on the holy mountain. ¹⁹So
we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do
well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place,
until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of
scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no
prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved
by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17:1-9

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And Jesus was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While Peter was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son-of-Man has been raised from the dead."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

SERMON – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

SONG OF THE DAY ***Shine, Jesus, Shine***

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus

Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word
Lord, and let there be light

Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me shine on me (*Repeat Chorus*)

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me shine on me (*Repeat Chorus*)

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APOSTLES' CREED

P: Joining together let us confess our faith 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: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of conservation organizations and protect vital habitats. Be with the people of Turkey and Syria as they recover from the earthquake. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: Mayor Cole and local leaders, Governor Abbott and state legislators, President Biden and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated. Merciful God,
All: receive our prayer.

A: Make us eager to receive your Word in scripture. Help us recognize Jesus' voice in the needs of our neighbors; make us confident to follow the way of the cross. Merciful God,
All: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Receive our thanksgiving for the holy ones who have guided us in faithfulness and gathered even the unlikely as your people. With our forebears in faith and all who have hoped in you, teach us to wait with courage until the promised day dawns. Merciful God,
All: receive our prayer.

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.
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 Houseband

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

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: Come and taste the joy of God!

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 *Beautiful Savior*

- 1 Beautiful Savior,
 King of creation,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Truly I'd love thee,
 truly I'd serve thee,
 light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows,
 fair are the woodlands,
 robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
 Jesus is fairer,
 Jesus is purer,
 he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,
 fair is the moonlight,
 bright the sparkling stars on high;
 Jesus shines brighter,
 Jesus shines purer
 than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior,
 Lord of the nations,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Glory and honor,
 praise, adoration,
 now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you, strengthen you, and keep you in God's grace.

All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

All: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

BLESSING

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Amazing Grace (Alleluia)

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

Chorus

Alleluia, alleluia, allelu
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, allelu
alleluia alleluia, allelu, alleluia

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear.
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed. *Chorus*
3. Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong. *Chorus*
4. Amazing grace how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see. *Chorus*

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Today is the Transfiguration of Our Lord: February 19

Traditional Worship: 8:00 AM

Sunday School: 9:15 AM

Contemporary Worship: 10:30 AM

Souper Bowl of Caring Report: You gave over 800 pounds of food and pantry items to Christian Helping Hands last Sunday!

GriefShare Support Group: This support group will take place on Mondays at 6:00 PM. It's not too late to join. Cost for registration and workbook is \$20.

Shrove Tuesday: Tuesday, February 21. Pancake Dinner at 6:00 PM.

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 22. Worship at 11:00 AM and 7:00

We're Hiring: The church is hiring an administrative assistant. This job is a part time position at 20 hours per week (Monday through Thursday, 5 hours per day). If you know a person you think would be a good candidate, please share the news.

Today's Worship Leaders (10:30 AM)

Assisting Minister

Bryan Bradford

Communion Assistants

Barbara Flowers, Linda Hudgens

Usher

Cathy Scott

Technology

Korie Williams

*Altar flowers are given by Judy Foucheaux
in memory of her brother Jim Foster.*