



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pearland, TX

Worship at 10:30 AM

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

April 30, 2023

GATHERING

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

GATHERING SONGS – Those Who Trust

EASTER GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

GATHERING SONG *Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name

On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name (*Repeat Pre-Chorus & Chorus*)

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name (*Repeat Bridge & Chorus*)

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

All: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**All: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our
resolve in seeking justice for all.**

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

All: Amen.

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

Chorus

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 here my heart is satisfied within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings (*Repeat Chorus*)

Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You (*Repeat Chorus*)

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PRAYER – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

A: ⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and common life, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

Please read responsively.

A: ¹The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

**All: ²The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me be-side still waters.**

A: ³You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**All: ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and
your staff, they comfort me.**

A: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**All: ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹ of
my life, and I will dwell in the house of the ¹ Lord forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

A: ⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."²³When abused, Christ did not return abuse; when suffering, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name

GOSPEL READING: John 10:1-10

P: The holy gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said:] ¹"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for the shepherd, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run away because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them.

⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

The King of love my shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed
But yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid and home, rejoicing, brought me

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me

Thou spreadst a table in my sight
Thine unction grace bestoweth
And, oh, what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth

And so, through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever

NICENE CREED

P: Joining with saints, apostles, and martyrs, let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever, including Alan Fuller. Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen 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. 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 Jazz Combo

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

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.

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.

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

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 10,000 Reasons

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes (*Repeat Chorus*)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (*Repeat Chorus*)

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (*Repeat Chorus*)

Worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

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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. Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our
being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished
our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the
world in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

BLESSING

P: The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

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 an 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

Chorus

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, forever, forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise (*Repeat Chorus 2x*)

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

All: Thanks be to God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter: April 30

Traditional Worship: 8:00 AM

Sunday School: 9:15 AM

Contemporary Worship: 10:30 AM

"Marinara and Melodies": Join us on Saturday, May 6 at 5:30 PM for a spaghetti supper and music recital featuring the talented students and members of New Life. A free will offering will be received to send our students to summer camp. Please RSVP using the online form.

Confirmation Sunday: On Sunday, May 7 our confirmation students will share their formation essays at 9:15 AM in the sanctuary. Two students will be participating in the rite of affirmation of baptism at 10:30 AM: Ryan Strickland and Austin Tatuaca.

WELCA Lunch Out: All Women of the church are welcome to join us for lunch at Emma's Mexican Grill (5906 Broadway) on Wednesday, May 10 at 11:30am.

Mother's Day: On Sunday, May 14 red and white carnations will be available for a free will offering supporting our students attending summer camps. Carnations can be placed on the living cross in memory or honor of a mother before or after worship services.

Graduate Recognition Sunday: On Sunday, May 21 join us for worship as we celebrate all those who are graduating from High School, College, Graduate School, Trade School, Boot Camp or any other accomplishment. In preparation of this special recognition, please let the church office know if you or a loved one are graduating soon. Please send the following details: name, date of graduation, school or accomplishment, and any future plans or endeavors to pastor@newlifelutheran.com.

Today's Worship Leaders (10:30 AM)

Assisting Minister

Nancy Bryars

Communion Assistants

Merideth Oliver, Linda Hudgens

Usher

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Korie Williams

*Altar flowers are given by Gordon and Tina Meyer
in celebration of their wedding anniversary.*