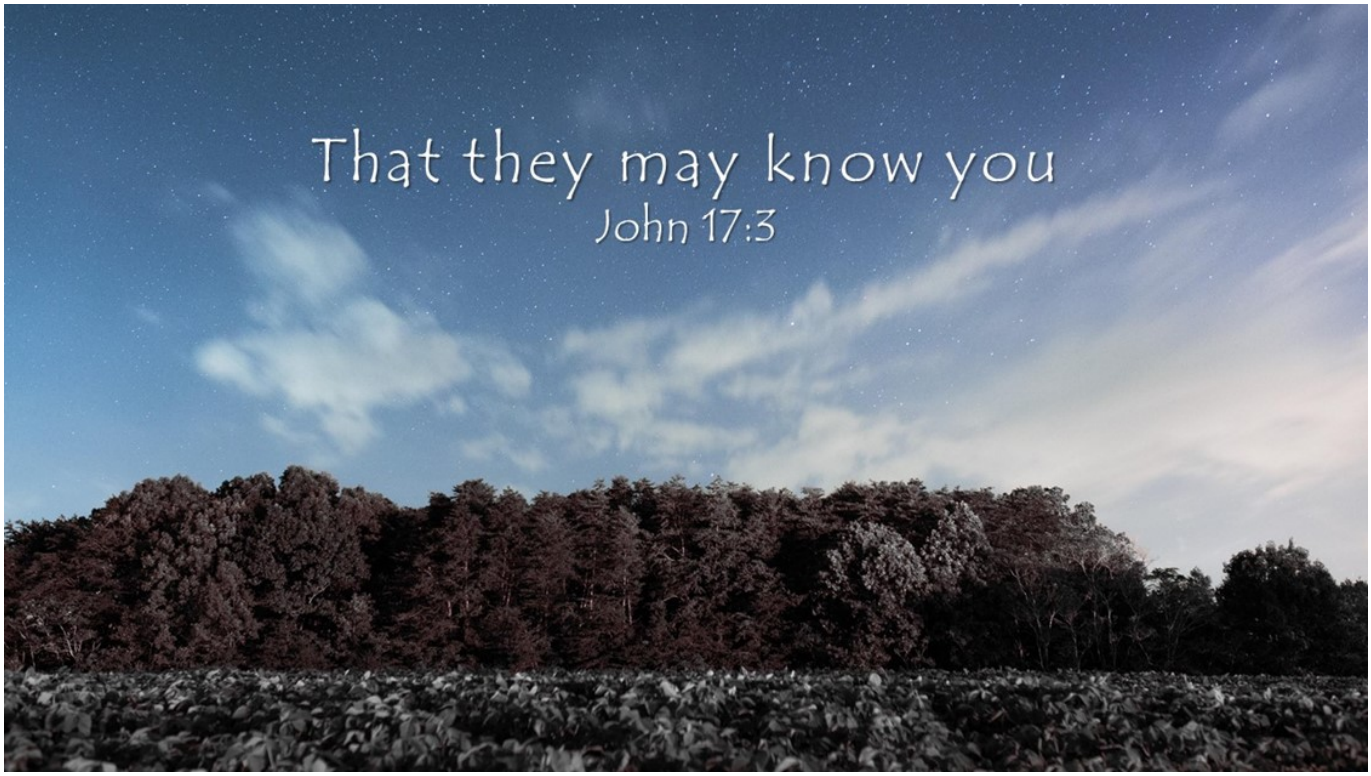

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pearland, TX

Worship at 10:30 AM

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

May 21, 2023

GATHERING

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

GATHERING SONGS ***House Band***

EASTER GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

GATHERING SONG ***Let it Rise***

Verse 1

Let the glory of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the praises of the King
Rise among us
Let it rise

Verse 2

Let the songs of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the songs of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the joy of the King
Rise among us let it rise

Chorus

O let it rise
O let it rise

Repeat Verse 1 & Chorus
Repeat Verse 2
Repeat Chorus 2x

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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 ***Shout to the Lord***

My Jesus, my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

Repeat ALL

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

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PRAYER – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

A: [6]When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore dominion to Israel?" [7]He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by divine authority. [8]But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." [9]When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. [10]While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. [11]They said, "You Galileans, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." [12]Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. [13]When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. [14]All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35 ***Please read responsively.***

A: [1]Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

All: [2]As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

A: [3]But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

All: [4]Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I Am is that name, rejoice before God!

A: [5]In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;
All: [6]you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.

A: [7]O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
All: [8]the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

A: [9]You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.
All: [10]Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

A: [32]Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.
All: [33]You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

A: [34]Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel;
whose strength is in the skies.
All: [35]How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to Your people! Blessed be God!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

A: [12]Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. [13]But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. [14]If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. [5:6]Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that God may exalt you in due time. [7]Cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you. [8]Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. [9]Resist the devil,

steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. [10]And after you have suffered for a little while, that very God of all grace, who has called you into eternal glory in Christ, will restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. [11]To God be the power forever and ever. Amen.

A: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
My Jesus, my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love

GOSPEL READING: John 17:1-11
P: The holy gospel according to John.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [1]After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, [2]since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. [3]And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. [4]I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. [5]So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. [6]"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. [7]Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; [8]for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. [9]I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. [10]All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. [11]"And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your

name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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 ***All Creatures of Our God and King***

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him, alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him, alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him, alleluia
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia alleluia

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and Mark, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of his baptism.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for this new member and sibling in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

All: Amen.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

All: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

All: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
All: 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.

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
New member: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support this new member and pray for them in their life in Christ?
All: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in Mark the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
All: Amen.

A: Let us rejoice with this sibling in Christ.
All: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

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: God of harmony, as you drew your Son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use it wisely. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our staff and council. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. 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.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

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 – House Band

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 ***Bind Us Together***

Refrain

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord
Bind us together in love

There is only one God
There is only one King
There is only one Body
That is why we can sing (*Repeat Refrain)*

Made for the glory of God, purchased by His precious Son
Born with the right to be clean, for Jesus the victory has won
(*Repeat Refrain)*

You are the family of God, you are the promise divine
You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine
(*Repeat Refrain)*

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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 DAYS OF ELIJAH

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And these are the days of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus
Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds, shining like the sun, at the trumpet call
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise, and these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in Your world
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord (*Repeat Chorus)*

There is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah
(Repeat 2x, Repeat Chorus)

Out of Zion’s hill salvation comes, out of Zion’s hill salvation comes

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

All: Thanks be to God.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Today is the Seventh Sunday of Easter: May 21

Traditional Worship: 8:00 AM
Sunday School: 9:15 AM
Contemporary Worship: 10:30 AM

Graduate Recognition Sunday: Today, May 21 we celebrate all those who are graduating from High School, College, Graduate School, Trade School, Boot Camp or any other accomplishment. Congratulations!

New Member Class: Today, May 21 at 11:30 AM

Pentecost Choir: Please join us for a special one-rehearsal, one-day choir experience. No experience necessary! On Saturday May 27th we'll meet in the sanctuary from 10:00 to 11:00 AM to learn an anthem as well as some basic vocal techniques. Then we'll sing during worship the following day. You may choose to sing at the early or late service, or both.

Mission Trip Blessing and Sending: Sunday, June 4

Bake Sale Fundraiser for Youth Camp: Sunday, June 4

Summer Camp Blessing and Sending: Sunday, June 11

Today's Worship Leaders (10:30 AM)

Assisting Minister	Bryan Bradford
Communion Assistants	Merideth Oliver and Barbara Flowers
Usher	Jenaro and Max Castillo
Technology	Korie Williams, Eliza Wishart

Altar flowers are given by Lorraine Walls in celebration of Courtne's birthday.