

"your faith has made you well"

Matthew 9:22



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pearland, TX

Worship at 10:30 AM

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

June 11, 2023

GATHERING

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

GATHERING SONG Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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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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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

P: Merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

P: Righteous God,

All: we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

GATHERING SONG Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee
Grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord let it be

I am weak but Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee

Repeat Refrain

Through this world of toil and snares
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee dear Lord, none but Thee

Repeat Refrain

When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore

Repeat Refrain

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PRAYER – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15 – 6:6

A: 15 I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 6:1 "Come, let us return to the Lord; for having torn, the Lord will heal us; having struck us down, the Lord will bind us up. 2 After two days the Lord will revive us, and on the third day will raise us up, that we may live before the face of the Lord. 3 Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord, whose appearing is as sure as the dawn; the Lord will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth." 4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. 5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. 6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50:7-15

Please read responsively.

A: ⁷Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

All: ⁸I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.

A: ⁹I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

All: ¹⁰for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

A: ¹¹I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

All: ¹²If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

A: ¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?

**All: ¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.**

A: ¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble;

All: I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:13-25

A: ¹³The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to him or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all Abraham's descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom Abraham believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, Abraham believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made Abraham waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what God had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Just a closer walk with thee
Grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord let it be

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰And as Jesus sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." ¹⁸While Jesus was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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 Give Me Your Eyes

Look down from a broken sky
Traced out by the city lights
My world from a mile high
Best seat in the house tonight
Touch down on the cold black top
Hold on for the sudden stop
Breathe in the familiar shock
Of confusion and chaos
All those people going somewhere
Why have I never cared

Chorus

Give me Your eyes for just one second
Give me Your eyes so I can see
Everything that I keep missing
Give me Your love for humanity
Give me Your arms for the broken-hearted
The ones that are far beyond my reach
Give me Your heart for the ones forgotten
Give me Your eyes so I can see

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Step out on the busy street
See a girl and our eyes meet
Does her best to smile at me
To hide what's underneath
There's a man just to her right
Black suit and a bright red tie
Too ashamed to tell his wife
He's out of work he's buying time
All those people going somewhere
Why have I never cared

(Repeat Chorus)

I've been here a million times
A couple of million eyes
Just move and pass me by
I swear I never thought that I was wrong
Well I want a second glance
So give me a second chance
To see the way You've seen the people all along

(Repeat Chorus 2x)

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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: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

A: We pray, O God, for the church. Unite us with any on the margins, that the whole world recognizes that your mercy is greater than our human capacity to restrict it. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

A: We pray, O God, for creation. Tend forests and fields and safeguard all cattle, birds, and wild animals. Preserve lakes, rivers, and oceans and send rains to water the earth. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

A: We pray, O God, for the nations. Awaken in our leaders compassion for people who have too often felt forgotten or neglected, and inspire policy solutions that promote equity and inclusion. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

A: We pray, O God, for all who are in need. Accompany anyone enduring chronic illness, any who suffer in secret, and those grieving a loved one's death. Send healing for all who plead for relief from sickness or pain. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

A: God of community, today we lift up our faithful partners, Lutherhill Ministries. We celebrate all the ways that camp brings Christ to life in loud, action-packed adventures and quiet, awe-inspiring moments. We give thanks for their partnership in faith formation, investing in the lives of children, youth and adults. We ask for your blessing as a new summer of camp begins. Bless all campers and staff, at the hill, at the beach and in local congregations for day camp. Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: We give thanks, O God, for Barnabas and all the saints. Renew our faith that you can do what you have promised and raise us, with all our beloved dead, to new life. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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 – House Band

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

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 Sanctuary/Seek Ye First

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia
Allelu alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God
Allelu alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you
Allelu alleluia

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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. We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we
have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your
generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest
treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

VIDEO – “Joy of Camp”

CAMP BLESSING AND SENDING

Those being sent are invited to come forward for blessing.

P: Today our young people begin a week of camp at Lutherhill. They will pray, play, worship, and serve. These activities foster community and belonging and help us experience God more fully. We gather today, to give thanks for the gift of community, the gift of church as the Body of Christ, and to send these campers on their way with God’s blessing.

P: As you leave for Camp, we hope it will be a life-changing experience. From the time of Abraham, Ruth and Jesus, people have ventured into nature, searching for God. In nature and community, we find God at work and the love of Christ revealed. We hope that your time will be filled with loud, action-packed adventures. We hope that your time will be filled with quiet, awe-inspiring moments. Campers, your community of faith sends you out with love and we challenge you: - To participate fully and openly in the life of the camp - To listen gently for God’s word in nature, in scripture and in others - To allow God to work through you to care for others - To bring back your experiences to help us know God through you.

Campers: Thanks be to God. And we will!

P: Now, I commission you, people of God, with these responsibilities to pray for the young people and their counselors, to welcome with joy their new learnings and excitement upon their return, and to allow them to nourish your faith.

All: Thanks be to God. And we will!

P: Let us pray... God of love, you invite us to come away to a quiet place. A place set apart for new learning, for new friends and new experiences. Bless these campers as they set out for a week at Lutherhill. Give them courage and energy, surround them with laughter and love. Encourage the staff of Lutherhill with powerful moments of revelation and vulnerable moments of connection. And in all these things, reveal the great love of your Son, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✚ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

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*)

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

All: Thanks be to God.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Today is Second Sunday after Pentecost: June 11

Traditional Worship: 8:00 AM

Bible Study with Pastor Clayton: 9:15 AM

Contemporary Worship: 10:30 AM

Mission Trip to New Orleans: Our group is headed to serve the people of New Orleans on June 9-12. Please keep the team in your prayers: Korie Williams, Mary Ann Marcha, Bryan Bradford, Elna Ritter, Jill Olsen, Kip Olsen, Aubrey Jackson, and AJ Reff. They will share a report during worship on Sunday, June 18.

WELCA Lunch Out: All Women of the church are welcome to join us for lunch at Central Texas BBQ (4110 Broadway St.) June 14, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

Summer Camp Blessing and Sending: Today, June 11

Father's Day: June 18

Vacation Bible School: July 30 – August 3, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Register at Newlifelutheran.com

Today's Worship Leaders (10:30 AM)

Assisting Minister

Cheryl Robinson

Communion Assistants

Barbara Flowers

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Eliza Wishart

*Altar flowers are given by Tamsey Mims
In celebration of her sister Rebecca June Mims' Birthday.*