

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a green plastic cup over a flowing stream of water. The cup is tilted, and water is visible inside it. The background shows the texture of the water and some rocks.

Whoever gives
even a cup of
cold water,
none of these
will lose their reward.

Matthew 10:42

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pearland, TX

Worship at 10:30 AM

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

July 2, 2023

GATHERING

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

GATHERING SONG

House Band

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

A Thousand Amens

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Chorus

Unfailing love comes with the morning
It's Your faithfulness we sing at night
It's Your kindness Lord that leads to our healing
All glory to our Maker and a thousand amens

Repeat all

Repeat Chorus

All glory to our Maker and a thousand amens
All glory to our Maker and a thousand amens

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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 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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PRAYER – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

A: ⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great realms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18 *Please read responsively.*

A: ¹Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

**All: ²For I am persuaded that your steadfast love
is established forever; you have set your faithfulness
firmly in the heavens.**

A: ³"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

**All: ⁴I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.'**

A: ¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

**All: ¹⁶They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

A: ¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.

**All: ¹⁸Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

A: ¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present any parts of your bodies to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your bodies to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented the parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your bodies as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:40-42

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Repeat Chorus

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God (*repeat*)

Repeat Chorus

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 for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God's promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For resolve to serve all in need. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for creation. For all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. For lands experiencing scorching heat, drought, or wildfires. For conservation organizations and environmental activists. For scientists working on clean energy solutions. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for this nation and all nations. For presidents, governors, and legislators. For judges, juries, district attorneys, and public defenders. For military personnel. For those who are incarcerated. Guide us in ways of freedom that promote the common good. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for those in need. For exiles, immigrants, refugees, and those seeking asylum. For victims of harassment, torture, or abuse. For those who are ill. For any near death and for all who grieve. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for children. For their safety at home and in childcare settings. For their flourishing at summer programs and camps. For the many people who care for them including parents and grandparents; childcare workers and teachers; coaches, counselors, and mentors; pediatricians and psychologists. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: We give thanks for all the saints and prophets who have received the free gift of God, which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. May their lives of humble service inspire us in faith. 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 Your Grace Finds Me

It's there in the newborn cry
There in the light of ev'ry sunrise
There in the shadows of this life
Your great grace
It's there on the mountain top
There in the ev'ryday and the mundane
There in the sorrow and the dancing
Your great grace, O such grace

Chorus

From the creation to the cross
There from the cross into eternity
Your grace finds me
Yes Your grace finds me

It's there on a wedding day
There in the weeping by the graveside
There in the very breath we breathe
Your great grace
The same for the rich and poor
The same for the saint and for the sinner
Enough for this whole wide world
Your great grace, O such grace

Repeat Chorus

There in the darkest night of the soul
There in the sweetest songs of victory
Your grace finds me
Yes Your grace finds me
Your great grace, O such grace
Your great grace, O such grace

The same for the rich and poor
The same for the saint and for the sinner
Enough for this whole wide world
Your great grace, O such grace

Oh oh oh oh, oh oh oh oh

So I'm breathing in Your grace
And breathing out Your praise
I'm breathing in Your grace
Forever I'll be breathing in Your grace
And breathing out Your praise
I'm breathing in Your grace
Forever I'll be breathing in Your grace
And breathing out Your praise
I'm breathing in Your grace
Forever, forever

Yes, Your grace finds me
Yes, Your grace finds me

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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

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

Love the Lord

Love the Lord your God
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength (*Repeat*)

With all your heart, with all your soul
With all your mind, with all your strength

Love the Lord your God
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength

I will serve the Lord
With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength (*Repeat*)

With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind
With all my strength

I will serve the Lord
With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength

I will love You (I will love You)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
I will trust You (I will trust You)

With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind
With all my strength (*Repeat*)

I will love you Lord
With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength (*Repeat 2x*)

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

All: Thanks be to God.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Today is the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: July 2

Traditional Worship: 8:00 AM

Bible Study with Pastor Clayton: 9:15 AM

Contemporary Worship: 10:30 AM

Senior Lunch: All Seniors 55+ are welcome to join us for lunch July 5 in the fellowship hall 12:00PM – 1:00PM.

WELCA Lunch Out: All Women of the church are welcome to join us for lunch at 888 Bistro (1325 Broadway St.) on Wednesday, July 12 at 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

Mary and Martha Bible Study: All women of the church are welcomed to join us for a Bible study in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, July 19 at 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM.

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

God's Work, Our Hands Projects: On Sunday, September 10 we will observe "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. We are looking for service projects in the community. If you have a need or would like to nominate someone who has a need, send an email to office@newlifelutheran.com.

Today's Worship Leaders (10:30 AM)

Assisting Minister

Lisa H. Weber

Communion Assistants

Merideth Oliver and Barbara Flowers

Usher

Cathy Scott

Technology

Korie Williams

*Altar flowers are given by Julie Watkins
in honor of the birth of our nation on July 4, 1776, and in honor of everyone
who celebrates their birthday in the month of July.*