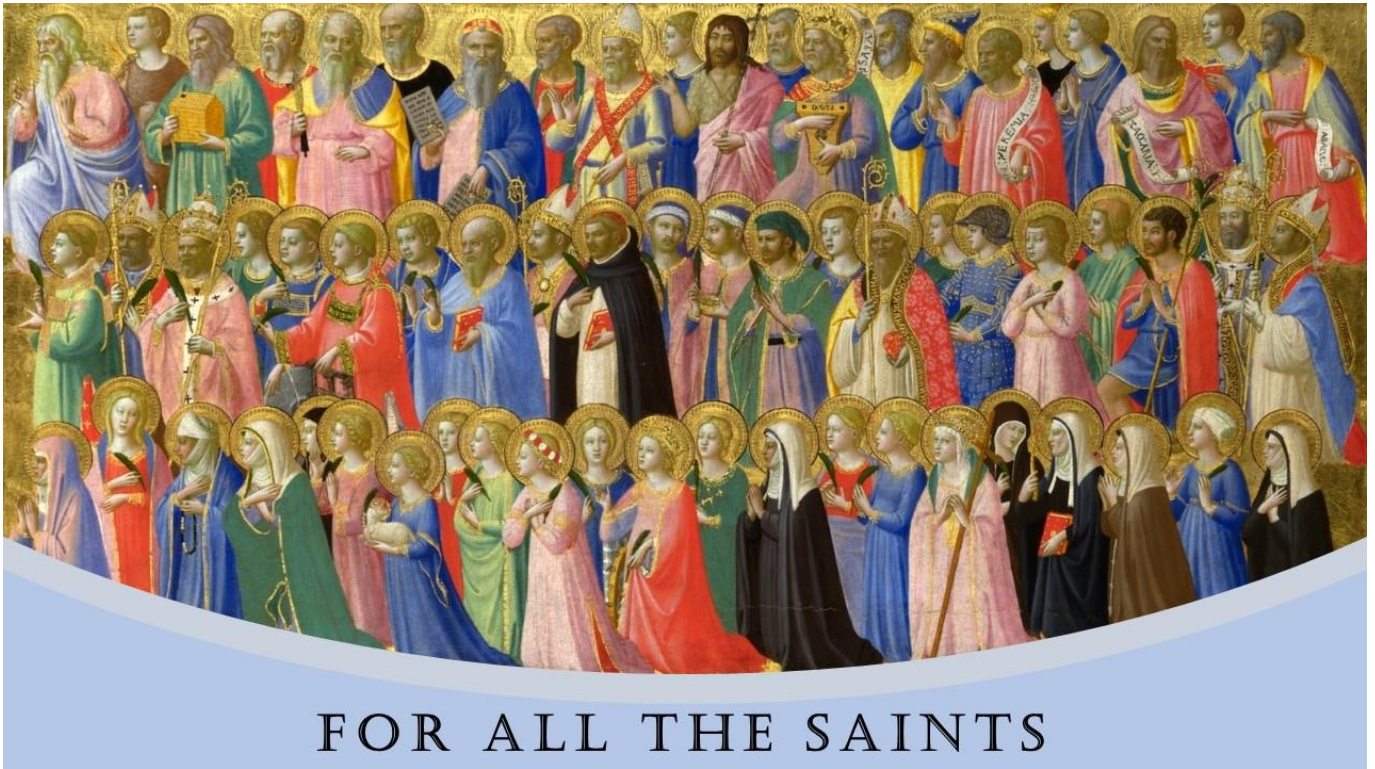




NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pearland, TX

Worship at 10:30 AM

All Saints' Sunday

Holy Communion

November 5, 2023

GATHERING

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

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

Tim Timmons
© 2009 Fair Trade Music Publishing

WELCOME – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

GATHERING SONG

Glory to God Forever

Before the world was made, before You spoke it to be
You were the King of kings, yeah You were, yeah You were
And now You're reigning still, enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out, we join them as we sing

Chorus

Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God forever
Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God forever

Creator God You gave me breath so I could praise
Your great and matchless name all my days all my days
So let my whole life be a blazing offering
A life that shouts and sings the greatness of our King

Repeat Chorus

Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours

Repeat Chorus 2x

Steve Fee | Vicky Beeching
sixsteps Songs; Thankyou Music; Worship Together Music

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

All: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One,

All: we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

P: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

All: Amen.

OPENING 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 (without last line)

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

Matt Redman © 1995 Thankyou Music

PRAYER – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

A: ⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship God day and night within the temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

Please read responsively.

A: ¹I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

All: ²I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

A: ³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

All: ⁴I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

A: ⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

All: ⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

A: ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

All: ⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

A: ⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

All: ¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

A: ²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,

All: and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A: ¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when it is revealed, we will be like God, for we will see God as God is. ³And all who have this hope in God purify themselves, just as the Son is pure.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and sat down, and his disciples came to him. ²Then Jesus began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the dominion of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the dominion of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

SERMON – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

SONG OF THE DAY

I Can Only Imagine

I can only imagine
What it will be like
When I walk by Your side
I can only imagine
What my eyes will see
When Your face is before me
I can only imagine

Chorus

Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel?
Will I dance for You Jesus, or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in Your presence, or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine
I can only imagine

All Saints' Remembrance

I can only imagine
When that day comes
And I find myself standing in the Son
I can only imagine
When all I will do
Is forever, forever worship You
I can only imagine
I can only imagine

Repeat Chorus

I can only imagine when all I will do
Is forever, forever worship You
I can only imagine

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: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and help us to be better caretakers of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. Guide our commitments during this season of stewardship. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

P: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and 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 – Houseband

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

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: There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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 Shall We Gather at the River

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod
With its crystal tide forever flowering by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray
We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day

Refrain

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown

Refrain

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace

Refrain

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

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. Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a
banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the
least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous
hearts as we meet you on the way.

All: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the Lord in glory comes.

Oh, when the new world is revealed,
oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the new world is revealed.

Oh, when they gather round the throne,
oh, when they gather round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they gather round the throne.

And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

Text: African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

A: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Copyright permission: CCLI #3220202 and One License A-740956. From sundaysandseasons.com. Copyright © 2023 Augsburg Fortress.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today is All Saints' Sunday: November 5

Traditional Worship: 8:00 AM

Sunday School: 9:15 AM

Contemporary Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday School for Everyone: We have room for everyone, and you are welcome.

Class options at 9:15 AM include:

- Elementary Class (Kindergarten through 6th grade) – downstairs Fellowship Hall classrooms
- Confirmation Class (7th through 8th grade and parents) – conference room in office building
- High School Class (9th through 12th grade) – library in office building
- Adult Class – Fellowship Hall

Recycling Aluminum Cans: The High School Sunday School class is collecting aluminum cans for a recycling fundraiser project. Cans can be dropped off in the bin located in the office building entryway.

WELCA Lunch Out: All women of the church are welcome to join us for lunch at Busy Bee (corner of Main and Broadway) on Wednesday, November 8 at 11:30 AM.

Commitment Sunday: On Sunday, November 12 return your commitment card in worship at 8:00 or 10:30 AM.

Meals on Wheels: We are looking for new volunteers to bring food to those in our local community. Our next week of delivery is November 13-17 and if we have enough volunteers you only have to help one of the days. Delivery is done as a team to make the process easier. To be added to the team or for questions contact Barbara Flowers, barbaraflowers_55@yahoo.com.

Mary and Martha Bible Study: All women of the church are welcome to join us for a Bible study in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, November 15 at 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM.

WELCA Sunday: On Sunday, November 19 we will have a special guest preacher in worship: Deacon Beth Hartfiel! Women are encouraged to bring your thankoffering to support the ministry to women in the ELCA.

Greening/Decorating for Advent: Saturday, December 2 at 10:00 AM. Please lend a hand!

Today's Worship Leaders (10:30 AM)

Assisting Minister

Communion Assistants

Ushers

Technology

Tamsey Mims, Merideth Oliver

Cathy Scott

Stephen Castillo

*Altar flowers are given by Mark & Susan Wellman
in honor of their 29th wedding anniversary on November 5th.*