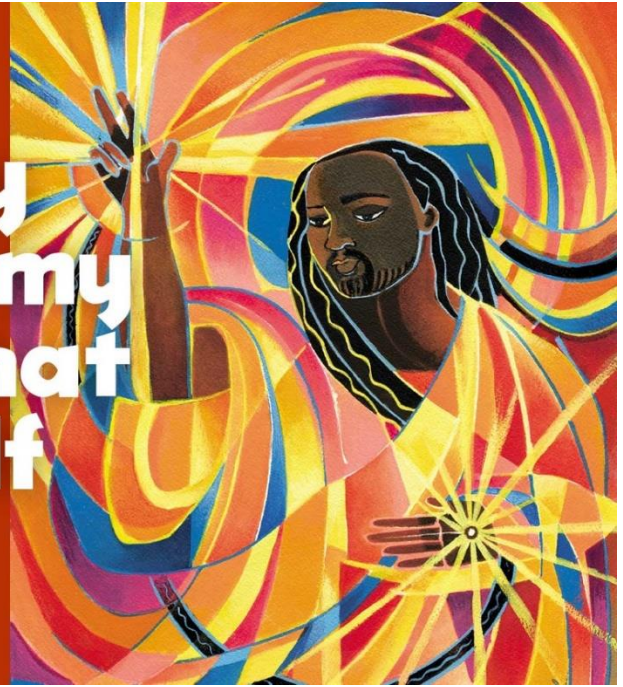


**Look at my
hands and my
feet; see that
it is I myself**

LUKE 24:39



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pearland, TX

Worship at 10:30 AM

Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

April 14, 2024

*Our mission is to raise disciples planted in God's love,
growing in faithfulness, and nourishing the world.*

GATHERING

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

GATHERING SONG

Because He Lives (Amen)

I believe in the Son
I believe in the risen one
I believe I overcome
By the power of his blood

Chorus:

Amen, amen
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
Amen, amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Repeat Chorus

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, every fear is gone
I know he holds my life, my future in his hand

Repeat Chorus 2X

Because He lives
Because He lives

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EASTER GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

HOLY BAPTISM OF LINCOLN AMADEUS LIRETTE

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Lincoln baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: As you bring Lincoln to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Lincoln in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P: People of God, do you promise to support Lincoln and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism and the assembly
as all join together in the responses.*

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. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font during the thanksgiving.

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate.

Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

P: Lincoln, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized receives a baptismal cloth.

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

Laying hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

P: Sustain Lincoln with 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.

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized.
As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

P: Lincoln, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized as the assisting minister says:

A: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

A: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

OPENING SONG

God With Us

Who are we
That You would be mindful of us
What do You see
That's worth looking our way

We are free
In ways that we never should be
Sweet release
From the grip of these chains

Like hinges straining from the weight
My heart no longer can keep from singing

Chorus

All that is within me cries
For You alone be glorified
Emmanuel, God with us
My heart sings a brand new song
The debt is paid these chains are gone
Emmanuel, God with us

Lord You know
Our hearts don't deserve Your glory
Still You show
A love we cannot afford

Like hinges straining from the weight
My heart no longer can keep from singing

Repeat Chorus

Such a tiny offering compared to Calvary
Nevertheless we lay it at Your feet (*repeat*)

*Repeat Chorus (with "**my** debt is paid")*

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PRAYER – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

A: ¹²Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified Jesus, the servant of God, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though Pilate had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in the name of Jesus, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what had been foretold through all the prophets, that the Messiah of God would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4 *Please read responsively.*

A: ¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

All: ²"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"

A: ³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

All: ⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

A: ⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

All: ⁶Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

A: ⁷You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

All: ⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

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. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that Christ was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in the Son sins; no one who sins has either seen or known the Son. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as Christ is righteous.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

My heart sings a brand new song
The debt is paid these chains are gone
Emmanuel, God with us

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:36b-48

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ^{36b}Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

SONG OF THE DAY *Word Of God Speak*

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is, it's okay
The last thing I need is to be heard
But to hear what You would say

Chorus

Word of God, speak
Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
To be still and know
That You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest
In Your holiness
Word of God, speak

I'm finding myself in the midst of You
Beyond the music, beyond the noise
All that I need is to be with You
And in the quiet hear Your voice

Repeat Chorus 2x

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is, it's okay

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A: O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

A: O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

A: O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

A: O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

A: O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living 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 833-469-0186, 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. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

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: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's 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

Agnus Dei

Alleluia, alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia, alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia, holy, holy

Are you Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb

For you are holy, holy

Are you Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb

Amen

Repeat all

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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. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before
us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this
banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy
of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

All: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the
Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG *I Am Free*

Through You the blind will see
Through You the mute will sing
Through You the dead will rise
Through You all hearts will praise
Through You the darkness flees
Through You my heart screams I am free

Chorus

I am free to run (I am free to run)
I am free to dance (I am free to dance)
I am free to live for You (I am free to live for You)
I am free (I am free)
Yes I am free (I am free)

Repeat All

Repeat Chorus again

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DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter: April 14

Traditional Worship: 8:00 AM

Easter Brunch: 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

Introducing Godly Play: New Life will begin to offer Godly Play for children during Sunday School beginning in August. To help us prepare for this new curriculum, we are seeking donations for some of the items needed for the lessons. A list of items can be found in the narthex.

Time for a New Photo Directory: We are getting a new directory and it will not be complete without your picture! Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or go online at www.ucdir.com. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.

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, April 17 at 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM.

New Life's 20th Anniversary: In 2025, New Life will celebrate 20 years as a church! We are putting a team together to organize the celebration. If you'd like to be a part of the team, let Pastor Clayton know (pastor@newlifelutheran.com).

Today's Worship Leaders (10:30 AM)

Assisting Minister

Evelyn Baldauf

Communion Assistants

Merideth Oliver

Usher

Technology

Ryan Strickland

Altar flowers are given by Cheryl Robinson in memory of her mother Jewell and aunt Lanelle's birthdays.