

"Here are my mother and brothers!"

Mark 3:34



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pearland, TX

Worship at 10:30 AM

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

June 9, 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

Oh Sing to the Lord/Cantad al Señor (ELW 822)

Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo.
Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo.
Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo.
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets,
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

¡Jesus es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
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¡Jesus es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

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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, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

All: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

All: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

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

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PRAYER – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15

A: ⁸The man and the woman heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹The LORD God, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; it will strike your head, and you will strike its heel."

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 130

Please read responsively.

A: ¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

All: ²O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

A: ³If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

All: ⁴Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

A: ⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

All: ⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

A: ⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

All: ⁸For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

A: ¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. ^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to God, Glory to God

Glory to God forever

Glory to God, Glory to God

Glory to God forever

GOSPEL READING: Mark 3:20-35

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And Jesus called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a dominion is divided against itself, that dominion cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against Satan and is divided, Satan cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. ²⁸Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." ³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And Jesus replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

SONG OF THE DAY *Hold Us Together*

It don't have a job
It don't pay your bills
Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills
Won't fix your life
In five easy steps
Ain't the law of the land or the government
But it's all you need

And love will hold us together
Make us a shelter to weather the storm
And I'll be my brother's keeper
So the whole world will know that we're not alone

It's waiting for you
Knocking at your door
In the moment of truth
When your heart hits the floor
And you're on your knees

And love will hold us together
Make us a shelter to weather the storm
And I'll be my sister's keeper
So the whole world will know that we're not alone

This is the first day of the rest of your life
This is the first day of the rest of your life
'Cause even in the dark you can still see the light
It's gonna be all right, it's gonna be all right
Repeat

And love will hold us together
Make us a shelter to weather the storm
And I'll be my brother's keeper
So the whole world will know that we're not alone

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: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

A: You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness. With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you. Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love 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 – Houseband

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

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: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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 (WOV 748)

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

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. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

All: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG ***Your Grace is Enough***

Great is Your faithfulness, O God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-chorus

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Repeat Pre-chorus & Chorus 2 times

Your grace is enough
Heaven reaching down to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing, Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me, for me

Matt Maher
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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Today is the Third Sunday after Pentecost: June 9

Traditional Worship: 8:00 AM

Bible Study with Pastor Clayton: 9:15 AM

Contemporary Worship: 10:30 AM

Send Your Kids to Camp Lutherhill: If you're looking for a camp opportunity for your child this summer, Pastor Clayton encourages you to consider sending them to Lutherhill in La Grange, TX. There are many options all summer for first graders through high school. Check the website for their schedule, cost, and registration.

Churchwide Garage Sale: We are hosting a churchwide garage sale on Saturday, June 15 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Each person is responsible for their own items and sales. Reserve a spot to sell for \$25 (bring your own table). For an extra \$10 you can use one of the church's tables (\$35 total). See Elna Ritter (elnachula@gmail.com) for questions or to reserve your spot.

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, June 19 at 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM.

Meals on Wheels: New Life will help deliver meals to our community the week of June 24-28. Contact Barbara Flowers to sign up.

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. Please look in the narthex for a donation list.

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

Aimee Castillo

Communion Assistants

Linda Hudgens, Deanna Owens

Usher

Jenaro Castillo

Technology

Ryan Strickland

Altar flowers are given by Diane Tanksley in honor of her and her sisters' birthdays: Diane 6/12, Gail 7/5, and Patty 8/15.