



“This is the bread that comes down from heaven...”
John 6:50

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pearland, TX

Worship at 10:30 AM

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

August 11, 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 – Houseband

WELCOME – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

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, 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

Take My Life, That I May Be (ELW 583)

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad, y hazla tuya, nada mas;
toma, si, mi corazón y tu trono en el tendrás.

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad, y hazla tuya, nada mas;
toma, si, mi corazón y tu trono en el tendrás.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adap.; Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875-1955

PRAYER – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

WORD

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

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

A: ⁴Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶Elijah looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸Elijah got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-8

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!.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25—5:2

A: ²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are parts of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad, y hazla tuya, nada mas
Toma, si, mi corazón, y tu trono en el tendrás

GOSPEL READING: John 6:35, 41-51

P: The holy gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." ⁴¹Then the Judeans began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.

⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; this one has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

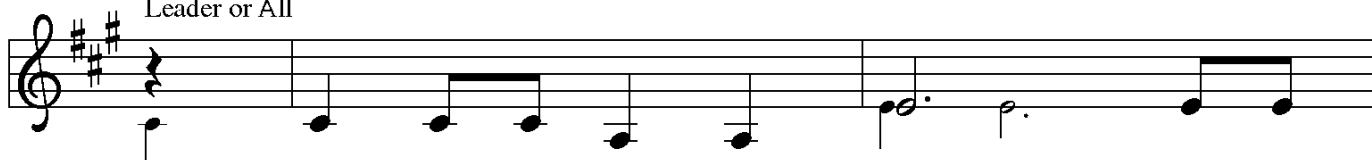
CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON – Pastor Clayton Faulkner

SONG OF THE DAY

I Am the Bread of Life (ELW 485)

Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
I . . . am the life. . . If you be -
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat . . . of this bread, you shall . . live for -
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to . . . the . . . world. . .

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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.**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

P: Dear God, as we get ready to start another year in school, we ask your blessing on these backpacks, and especially on these children who will wear them and the adults who will serve them. As they do the very important work of being students, bless them with:

eagerness to learn, that their world may grow large;
respect for teachers and students,
that they may form healthy relationships;
love for nature,
that they may become caretakers of your creation;
happiness when learning is easy
and stick-to-it-iveness when it is hard;
faith in Jesus as their best teacher and closest friend.

We ask that you would protect these, your own children. Watch over them and keep them safe as they travel to and from school. As they learn, help them also to discover the different gifts that you have given each one of them to be used in your work in the world.

As they hear the many voices that will fill their days, help them to listen most carefully for your voice, the one that tells them you will love them always, no matter what. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Repeat Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Repeat Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Repeat Chorus

Worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

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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. 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 *Days of Elijah*

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And these are the days of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in Your world
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Repeat Chorus

There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
Repeat 2x

Repeat Chorus

Out of Zion's hill salvation comes
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes

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DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today is the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: August 11

Traditional Worship: 8:00 AM

Rally Day: 9:15 AM

Contemporary Worship: 10:30 AM

Rally Day is TODAY: Both services today will include a backpack blessing for all that are headed back to school. At 9:15 AM please join us in the fellowship hall to meet Sunday School teachers and participate in a preview of Godly Play. Sunday School classes will begin next week on August 18.

Choir Resumes: Our New Life choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, August 15th at 6:30 PM. There is a place for you – if you like to sing, come join us! Please contact Rebecca McDonald for more information. music@newlifelutheran.com

Helping Hands: We are looking for more folks to join our Helping Hands team. There are lots of jobs for everyone, such as ushering, assisting with communion, being an assisting minister, acolyting, greeting folks at the door, and running the slides. Please consider how God might be calling you to help in worship! Contact Rebecca McDonald if you're interested or with any questions. music@newlifelutheran.com

Food Donations: The food pantry at Christian Helping Hands is running low on supplies. Items such as peanut butter, jelly, soups, ramen, mac and cheese, canned vegetables, dry beans, rice, and cereal can be donated in the shopping basket outside the fellowship hall building.

School Kit Donations: We are collecting items to pack school kits for Lutheran World Relief. The following items can be purchased in bulk and will be combined to create one kit. Items can be donated in the basket in the narthex; look for a list in the narthex, in your email, or in the newsletter.

Today's Worship Leaders (10:30 AM)

Assisting Minister

Nancy Bryars

Communion Assistant

Barbara Flowers, Merideth Oliver

Ushers

Technology

Ryan Strickland

*Altar flowers are given by Helen Beckman in celebration of
her son Paul's birthday, with thanks and praise to God..*