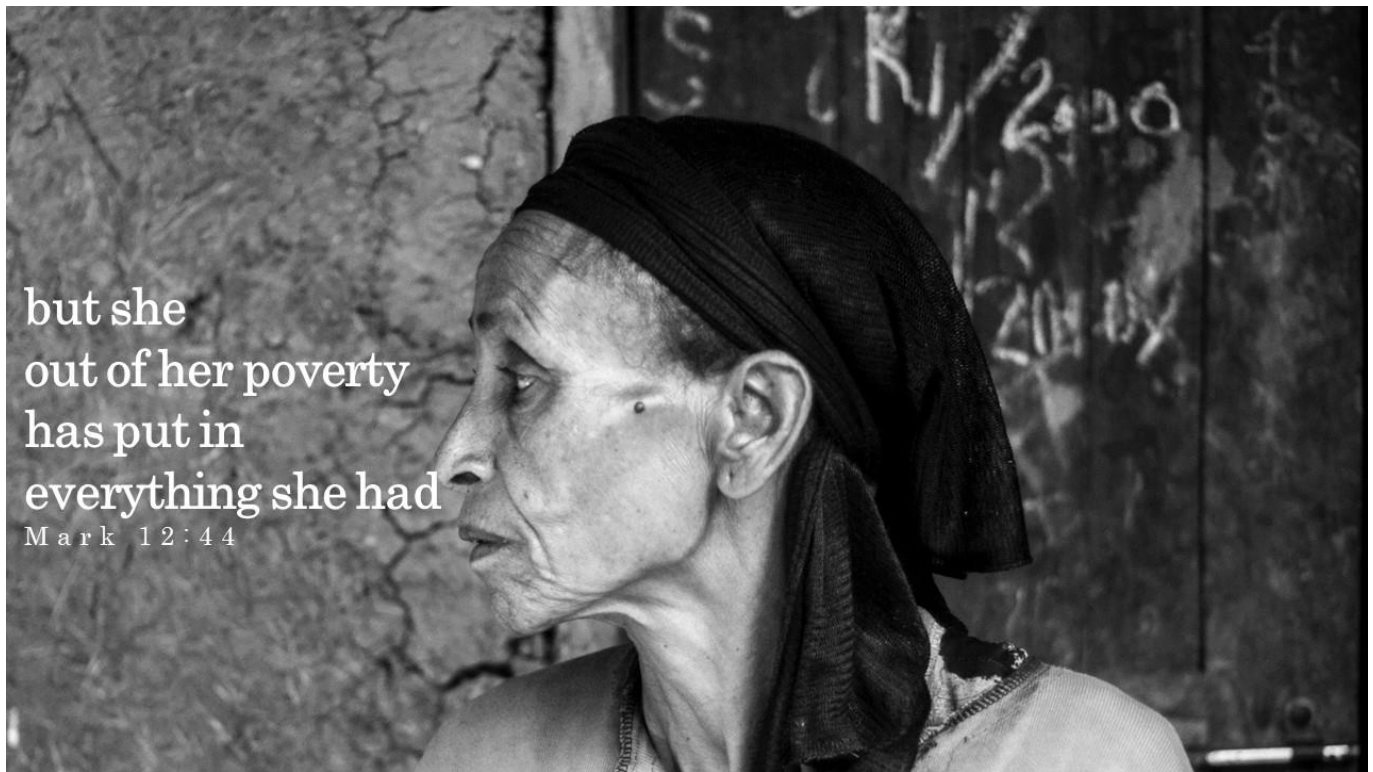




but she
out of her poverty
has put in
everything she had

Mark 12:44

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pearland, TX

Worship at 9:30 AM

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

November 10, 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 MUSIC

WELCOME – Pastor Grant Housewright

GATHERING 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

All: Amen.

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

All: we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ☩ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

All: Amen.

OPENING SONG ***Blessed Assurance***

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

Chorus

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

Repeat Chorus

This is our story, this is our song
Praising you, Jesus, all the day long
This is our story, this is our song
Praising you, Jesus, all the day long
Praising you, Jesus, all the day long

Fanny Jane Crosby | Phoebe Palmer Knapp | arr. John Wasson
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PRAYER – Pastor Grant Housewright

WORD

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

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

A: ⁸The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So Elijah set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146 *Please read responsively.*

A: ¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: ²I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

A: ³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

All: ⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

A: ⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

All: ⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

A: ⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

All: ⁸The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

A: ⁹The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

All: ¹⁰The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

A: ²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

A: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

This is our story, this is our song
Praising you, Jesus, all the day long
This is our story, this is our song
Praising you, Jesus, all the day long
Praising you, Jesus, all the day long

GOSPEL READING: Mark 12:38-44

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ³⁸As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴¹Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then Jesus called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

SERMON – Pastor Grant Housewright

SONG OF THE DAY *Give Me Your Eyes*

Look down from a broken sky, traced out by the city lights
My world from a mile high, best seat in the house tonight
Touch down on the cold black top, hold on for the sudden stop
Breathe in the familiar shock of confusion and chaos
All those people going somewhere
Why have I never cared

Chorus

Give me Your eyes for just one second, give me Your eyes so I can see
Everything that I keep missing, give me Your love for humanity
Give me Your arms for the broken-hearted
The ones that are far beyond my reach
Give me Your heart for the ones forgotten
Give me Your eyes so I can see

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Step out on the busy street, see a girl and our eyes meet
Does her best to smile at me, to hide what's underneath
There's a man just to her right, black suit and a bright red tie
Too ashamed to tell his wife he's out of work he's buying time
All those people going somewhere
Why have I never cared

Repeat Chorus

I've been here a million times, a couple of million eyes
Just move and pass me by, I swear I never thought that I was wrong
Well I want a second glance, so give me a second chance
To see the way You've seen the people all along

Repeat Chorus 2x

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

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: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts and pursue peace. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God,

All: hear our prayer.

P: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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. Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

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: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

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 *You Are So Good to Me*

You are so good to me
You heal my broken heart
You are my Father in heaven (*repeat*)

Chorus

You are beautiful, my sweet sweet song
You are beautiful, my sweet sweet song
You are beautiful, my sweet sweet song
I will sing again

You ride upon the clouds
You lead me to the truth
You are the Spirit inside me (*repeat*)

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

You are my strong melody
You are my dancing rhythm
You are my perfect rhyme
And I want to sing forever

You poured out all your blood
You died upon the cross
You are my Jesus who loves me (*repeat*)

Repeat Chorus & Bridge

You are my Father in heaven
You are the Spirit inside me
You are my Jesus who loves 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. Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Rebecca McDonald

BLESSING

P: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ☩ bless 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. Encourage one another in Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Today is the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost: November 10

Worship: 9:30 AM

Sunday School: 10:30 AM

Sunday School for Everyone: Sunday School is immediately following worship. We have room for everyone, and you are welcome.

Class options include:

- Godly Play 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 Sunday School – Video Class (Fellowship Hall with Nolan and Donna Patschke and Merideth Oliver)

Food Drive: Throughout November and December, we will be collecting canned goods for Christian Helping Hands Food Pantry. Your donations will help ensure our community has food for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thank you for your support!

Toy Drive: This year for Christmas, New Life Lutheran is spreading holiday cheer by participating in BEARing Gifts, BEAR's holiday program, that provides brand-new holiday gifts to at-risk and CPS-involved children who may otherwise not experience the joy of the holiday season. You may drop off new, UNWRAPPED gifts in the Narthex until December 8th. Please see the flyer attached for gift suggestions. Gifts can be purchased for children newborn through 17 years old. If a gift requires batteries, please include them. While we are collecting unwrapped gifts, donations of wrapping paper or gift bags are always appreciated for caregivers! If you have any questions, please see Aimee Castillo. To learn more about BEAR please visit <https://bearesourcehouston.org>. Thank you!

Faithcard Project: Luther and Wartburg Seminaries are working on a project called "Dry Bones Dancing." Look for more information about this collaboration in the November newsletter. You are invited to help with the project by filling out a Faithcard, found in the narthex. Share a story about your experience of God. Whether you have a story to share about good news, wonder, renewal, life from death, doubt, grief transformed to joy... however God has shown you new life, please take a moment to write it down on the pre-stamped postcard and drop it in the mail or leave it in the church office. Thank you!

Today's Worship Leaders (9:30 AM)

Assisting Minister

Nancy Bryars

Communion Assistants

Barbara Flowers, Merideth Oliver

Usher

Technology

*Altar flowers are given by
Cheryl Robinson to the glory of God.*