



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pearland, TX

Worship at 9:30 AM

First Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion

March 9, 2025

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

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GATHERING

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

GATHERING SONG

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Repeat Chorus 2x

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

WELCOME – Pastor Kim Little Brooks

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate One,

All: You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the genuine hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.

Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

All: Amen.

OPENING SONG *Jesus Messiah*

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah, name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body, the bread, His blood, the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, Love so amazing. (Chorus)

All our hope is in You! All our hope is in You!
All the glory to You, God: The light of the world (Chorus)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A: ¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as the place where the name of God dwells. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and the LORD brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house. Word of God, word of life.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 *Please read responsively.*

A: ¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

**All: ² you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust."**

A: ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

**All: ¹⁰ no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

A: ¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

**All: ¹² Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

A: ¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

**All: ¹⁴ I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

A: ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

**All: ¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

A: ^{8b} "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you
confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart
that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one
believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with
the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who
believes in the Lord will be put to shame." ¹² For there is no
distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all
and is generous to all who ask for help. ¹³ For, "Everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jesus Messiah, name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:1-13

P: The holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered the devil, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵ Then the devil led Jesus up and showed him in an instant all the dominions of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered the devil, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God; the Lord alone shall you serve.'"

⁹ Then the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, 'God will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹ and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹² Jesus answered the devil, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ Having finished every test, the devil departed from Jesus until an opportune time.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON – Pastor Kim Little Brooks

SONG OF THE DAY

On Eagle's Wings

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield.

Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.

Final Refrain:

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand;
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A: Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church.
Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus.
God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life (*especially*). Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

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 – Brittany Fuentes

OFFERING PRAYER

A: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

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. Then return to your pew down the side aisle.

COMMUNION SONG *One Bread One Body*

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man,
no more. *Repeat Refrain*

Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord
of all. *Repeat Refrain*

Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one
for all. *Final Refrain*

COMMUNION SONG *Breathe*

This is the air I breathe; This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread; This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me.

Chorus
And I, I'm desperate for You
And I, I'm lost without You

*Repeat **ALL***
*Repeat **Chorus***

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe

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. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit ✝ bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG *On My Way*

Almost there, almost where I'm suppose to be, It's not all clear
But You keep showing me with every step
The more my heart moves to Your beat
Just like where I am headed
There's joy in the journey

Refrain: Teach me to think like You think
 Show me the things that are true
 Finish the work You have started in me
 As I'm on my way to You
 As I'm on my way to You
 Yes, I'm on my way to You

Create in me a pure heart and make me new
Less of me Jesus more of You
Here I stand still I'm drawn to my knees
It's not my strength but Yours that carries me

Repeat Refrain 2x

I'm on my way
I'm on my way to you

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

All: Thanks be to God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today is the First Sunday in Lent: March 9, 2025

Worship: 9:30 AM

Sunday School: 10:30 AM

Sunday School for Everyone: Sunday School is at 10:30 AM. 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)

Midweek Worship During Lent: Every Wednesday evening (beginning March 12th) we will gather for a community meal and fellowship followed by worship. Join us for Soup Suppers at 5:30 PM (until 6:45) in the Fellowship Hall (sign up sheets are in the narthex). At 7:00 PM we gather in the Sanctuary for worship.

WELCA Monthly Lunch and Get-together: The Women of the ELCA are hosting their monthly Lunch and Get-together March 12th @ 11:30 at Olive Garden on Hwy 288. Please find Cheryl Robinson for any questions.

First Communion Class: If your child is ready to begin receiving holy communion, please contact Pastor Kim Little Brooks, at email (pastor@newlifelutheran.com).

April Dates:

Palm Sunday: Join us to worship with palms, April 13th, 2025, 9:30 AM

Maundy Thursday: April 17th, 2025, Service at 7:00PM

Good Friday Fish Fry: April 18th, 2025, Dinner 5:30 Fish Fry and Service at 7:00PM

Easter Sunday: April 20th, 2025, Service at 9:30AM

Today's Worship Leaders (9:30 AM)

Assisting Minister	Aimee Castillo
Communion Assistant	Nancy Bryars
Usher	Janeiro Castillo
Acolyte	Max Castillo
Technology	Charlie Gaevert

Altar Flowers Sign-up Sheet is located in the Narthex.