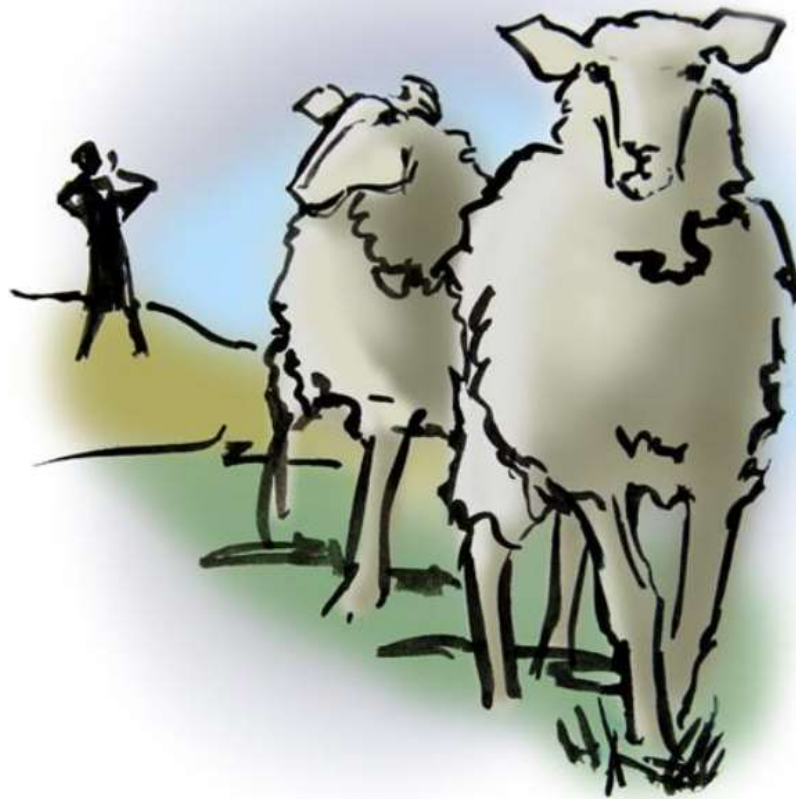




NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pearland, TX

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion
May 11, 2025

*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: HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus:

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus:

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Bridge:

*I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross*

Tag:

*Call upon the name of the Lord and be saved
Call upon the name of the Lord and be saved*

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WELCOME – Pastor Kim Little-Brooks

OPENING SONG: *I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR*

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee in the love a mother gives,
A steadfast grace that through the ages lives.
I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I see Thy mercy flow through hands that serve,
With patient strength and faith that will not swerve.
I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

Through her, Thy Word was sung and gently taught,
A holy fire her quiet witness brought.
I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

Annie S. Hawks | Robert Lowery | Travis Lairson

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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: Acts 9:36-43

A: ³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 23 *Please read responsively.*

A: ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

All: ² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

A: ³ You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

All: ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

A: ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

All: ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

A: ⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
firm through the fiercest drought and storm

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GOSPEL READING: John 10:22-30

P: The holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: ²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told

you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Pastor Kim Little-Brooks

SONG OF THE DAY: *AT THE CROSS (LOVE RAN RED)*

1 There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus

At the cross at the cross, I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus

2 There's a place where sin and shame are powerless
There my heart has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood come flowing down

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

Here, my hope is found, here, on holy ground
Here I bow down, here I bow down
Here, arms open wide, here, You saved my life
Here I bow down, here I bow

Repeat Chorus

Repeat Bridge 2x

At the cross at the cross, I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You
Jesus, Jesus

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HOLY BAPTISM PRESENTATION

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

SP: Zachary and Kelly: We present *Peyton Louise Creighton* for baptism.

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

Stephanie and Brad: I do.

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

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten
Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she 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 *Peyton* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Stephanie and Brad: I do.

P: Kelly and Zachary, do you promise to nurture *Peyton* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Zachary and Kelly: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support *Peyton Louise Creighton* and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do.

[The assembly stands.]

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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?

C: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

C: 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.

C: Amen.

BAPTISM

P: *Peyton Louise Creighton*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

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.

Sustain *Peyton* 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.

C: Amen.

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

C: Amen.

WELCOME

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

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: 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.

PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Let us pray. God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care (especially). Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

A: You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints (especially), we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

All: Amen.

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: Praise Band

OFFERING PRAYER:

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: Come for the table is ready.

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: *THE TABLE*

I will feast at the table of the Lord
I will feast at the table of the Lord
I won't hunger anymore, at His table

Chorus 1

Come all you weary come and find
His yoke is easy His burden light
He is able He will restore
At the table of the Lord

There is peace at the table of the Lord
There is peace at the table of the Lord
I won't worry anymore, at His table

There is healing at the table of the Lord
There is healing at the table of the Lord
Oh, and I won't suffer anymore, at His table

Bridge

I know He has a place for me
Oh, what joy will fill my heart
With the saints around, the mercy seat of God

Chorus 2

Come all you weary, come and find
His yoke is easy, His burden light
He is able He will restore
At the table of the Lord
At the table of the Lord

Tag

I'm invited to the table of the Lord
I'm invited to the table of the Lord
He says, come just as you are, to His table

Song of Communion: *OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL)*

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown, where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep, my faith will stand

Chorus

And I will call upon Your Name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters, wherever You would call me
take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger, in the presence of my Savior

Repeat Bridge 2x

Tag:

I will call upon Your Name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

P: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus bless you,
strengthen you, and keep you in God's grace.

All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

A: Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

All: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING:

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: SHOUT TO THE LORD

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

Repeat ALL

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

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DISMISSAL:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter: May 11, 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. •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)

Baptism: **Mother's Day** *Peyton Louise Creighton* is baptized today!

Mother's Day Flower Sale: On sale today, the Teens will be selling flowers in vases to earn credits for Church summer Camp! Price is a Free Will Offering.

WELCA (Women of the ELCA): May 14th, Monthly Luncheon, Please join us 11:30 at ***Sweet Magnolia's Tea Room*** 2202 N. Park Ave. Pearland at the Corner of Plum and Park St. All women welcome!

Meals on Wheels: Monday May 26th to Friday May 30TH. Please volunteer if you would like to help. Contact Barbara Flowers 713-817-1012.

Building Rental: The Fellowship Hall is available for Graduation or Events. Contact the office for availability and rental fees.

Council Concerns: If you have any concerns to give to council, please text to president@newlifelutheran.com. Council meets second Monday of every month.

Today's Worship Leaders (9:30 AM)

Assisting Minister	Cheryl Robinson
Communion Assistant	Barbara Flowers, Lynn Barron
Usher	Doug Barron
Acolyte	
Technology	John Gestl

*The flowers were given by Lorraine Walls.
Altar Flowers Sign-up Sheet is located in the Narthex.*