



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pearland, TX

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
Contemporary Service
September 28, 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 HYMN – COME NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

Come...now is the time to worship
Come...now is the time to give your heart
Come....just as you are to worship
Come...just as you are before your God...come

Chorus:

One day every tongue will confess you are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure he makes for those
Who gladly choose you now...

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WELCOME – Pastor Kim Little-Brooks

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

All: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,

All: We are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

All: Amen

OPENING HYMN *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Repeat Chorus

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Repeat all

High and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: *Amos 6:1a, 4-7*

L: ^{1a}Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

⁴Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall,⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music,⁶who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: *Psalm 146* ***Please read responsively.***

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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;

L: 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.

L: 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: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

L: ⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the

manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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GOSPEL READING: *Luke 16:19-31*

P: The holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: Jesus said ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your

lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷ He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰ He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON – Pastor Kim Little-Brooks

HYMN OF THE DAY *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

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APOSTLE'S CREED

**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: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace,

All: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace,

All: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. God of grace

All: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for people in any need, *especially those we name before you now...* Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love. God of grace,

All: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support. God of grace,

All: receive our prayer.

A: We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal life. God of grace,

All: receive our prayer.

P: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

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 MUSIC – Travis Lairson

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
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.**

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

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 HYMN *Because He Lives (Amen)*

I believe in the Son
I believe in the risen one
I believe I overcome
By the power of his blood

Chorus: Amen, amen
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
Amen, amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Repeat Chorus

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, every fear is gone
I know he holds my life, my future in his hand

Repeat Chorus 2X

Because He lives
Because He lives

COMMUNION HYMN *Come As You Are*

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken - hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Bridge Come as you are
Fall in His arms
Come as you are

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Come as you are
Come as you are
Come as you are

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BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P: May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: O god, through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Shine, Jesus, Shine (ELW 671)*

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus, light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Repeat Refrain

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Repeat Refrain

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A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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Upcoming Congregational Meeting – TODAY

Dear Members of New Life Congregation,

In accordance with our bylaws, this notice has been provided at least 10 days prior to the upcoming **congregational meeting**.

Date & Time: Sunday, September 28th, after service

Location: Church Sanctuary

Agenda:

1. Election of the Church Council for the upcoming year
2. Review of quotes for a new sign, potential repairs, or other maintenance issues

We encourage all members to attend, participate, and share your input on these important matters. Your voice is essential in shaping the future of our congregation.

With gratitude,
New Life Lutheran Church Council

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Laura Strickland

Council President | New Life Lutheran Church
Pearland, TX



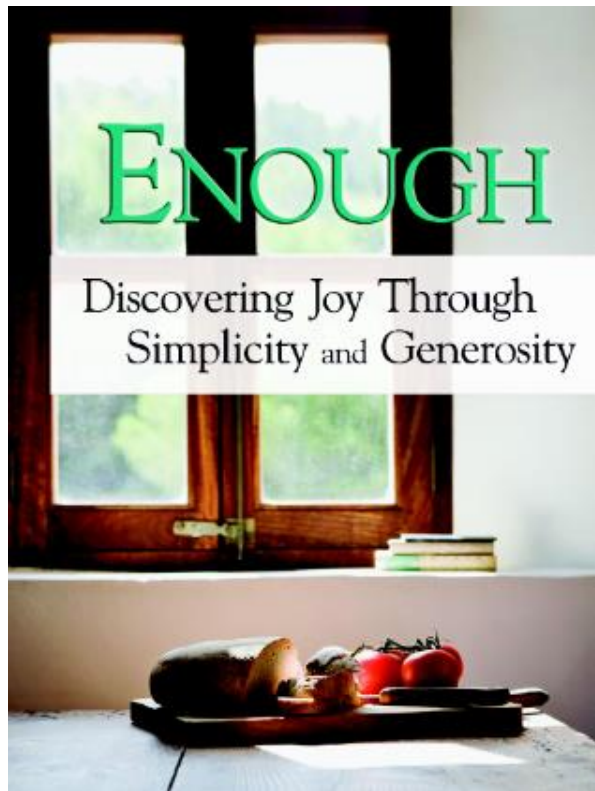
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Enough

*Discovering Joy Through
Simplicity and Generosity*

We live in a society... a culture that tells us “you deserve it (now),” -- known as (instant) gratification, whether or not we really even need it. Whatever ‘it’ is. Wants have become needs. Things have become substitutes for relationships, especially our relationship with God. All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They speak to an issue of spiritual growth. Therefore, during the month of October, our worship emphasis is *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*.

During this time, we will explore what the scripture teaches us about lifestyle, joy, simplicity and generosity. At the conclusion of this emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year.

I hope you will attend worship in the coming weeks as we look at how we truly experience joy through simplicity and generosity.

Rev. Kim Little-Brooks

September 28, 2025, Traditional Worship 9:30 AM

Congregational Meeting: Today Sun. 28th after worship. Elect Council Members and discuss church maintenance issues.

Senior Luncheon: Wed Oct. 1st Join us for our luncheon and packing School Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Altar Flowers: Price for flowers is \$50.00 per arrangement. Take them home after the service! Please bring back the Flower Basket when you are done. Sign up ahead of time to honor your event.

Quilters: Quilters meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 AM. Please come for fellowship, snacks and help us tie knots!

Fellowship Hall Rental: Receptions and Other Events: Call or Email the office for more Information: 281-485-1818, office@newlifelutheran.com

Council Connections: Feel free to write the Council with ideas, suggestions, or concerns to president@newlifelutheran.com

Today's Worship Leaders (9:30 AM)

Assisting Minister	Nancy Bryars
Communion Assistants	Robin Gottlieb, Barbara Flowers
Users	Vince Gottlieb
Tech Booth	Ryan Strickland

Altar Flowers are given today by *Foster & Judy Foucheaux* in honor of their Anniversary.

Altar Flowers signup sheet is located in the Narthex. Please reserve your favorite date!