



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pearland, TX

Third Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Communion
Contemporary Service
January 25, 2026

*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 – *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

¹ 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

² 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 **Repeat this section**

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WELCOME – Pastor Kim Little-Brooks

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

All: Amen.

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**All: You call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.**

We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.

**We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.**

Turn us to seek your face.

**Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.**

Amen.

P: The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails,

God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,

and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name.

May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

All: Amen.

OPENING SONG Because He Lives (Amen)

¹ 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

² 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

Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Gloria Gaither,
Jason Ingram, Matt Maher, William J. Gaither
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

L: ¹ There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish.

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied exultation;

you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden

and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: *Psalm 27: 1,4-9* ***Please read responsively.***

A: ¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

All: ⁴One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.

A: ⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

All: ⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

A: ⁷ Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

**All: ⁸My heart speaks your message - "Seek my face."
Your face, O Lord, I will seek.**

A: ⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

L: ¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,
¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

¹⁶I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.

¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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: *Matthew 4:12-23*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: ¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
¹⁶the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers.

¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON – Pastor Kim Little-Brooks

HYMN OF THE DAY *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

¹ 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

² 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

APOSTLES 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: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church,
the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

A: Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the
gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen
the faith of all who follow Christ. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you
for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's
resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet.

All: receive our prayer.

A: Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. We pray for those in authority (local and national officials may be named). Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick (especially). We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters (individuals or situations may be named). Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Holy Savior, you free us from the power of death. Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light
Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

P: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus 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 MUSIC – Travis Lairson

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

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

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: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.

1 COMMUNION HYMN 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
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood, comes flowing down **(Repeat Chorus)**

³ 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)**

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2 COMMUNION HYMN *Come As You Are*

¹ 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

² 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

³ 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

Ben Glover, David Crowder, Matt Maher
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COMMUNION BLESSING

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

All: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN This Little Light of Mine (ELW 677)

¹ This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

² Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

³ Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in Peace. Share the good news.

All: Thanks be to God!

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UPCOMING EVENTS January 25, 2026

Annual Congregational Meeting: Postponed until Feb. 1st., after worship, due to inclement weather.

Ash Wednesday Services: Wed. Feb 18th will be at **1:00pm** and **7:00pm**.

Super Bowl of Caring: We are now collecting non-perishable food items for the Super Bowl of Caring on Feb. 8th and we will be donating it to *Christian Helping Hands*.

Quilters: Tues. 9:30AM, Come help us make Quilts for the *Lutheran World Relief*. Join us for fellowship and potluck.

Crocheters and Knitters Needed: Please help us knit or crochet *Prayer Shawls* for our ministry.

Fundraiser: Please bring Aluminum Cans for the Youth, raising funds for their ongoing projects.

New 2026 Altar Flower Chart: Price for flowers is \$50.00 per arrangement. Take them home after the service! Sign up now to honor your event. Chart is located in the Narthex.

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	Cheryl Robinson
Communion Assistants	Meredith Oliver, Barbara Flowers
Ushers	Nolan Patschke
Greeters	Donna Patschke
Tech Booth	Ryan Strickland

Altar Flowers are given today by *Helen Beckman* in memory of *Marjorie Schooley*.

(Altar Flowers signun sheet is located in the Narthex.