



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pearland, TX

Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion
Contemporary Service
April 12, 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 Lord*

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

³ 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: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN *Above All*

1 Above all powers above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began

2 Above all kingdoms above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure
What You're worth

Chorus Crucified laid behind the stone
You lived to die rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, 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 2:14a, 22-32

A: ^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³²“This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 16 *Please read responsively.*

A: ¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

All: ²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

A: ³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

All: ⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names up on my lips.

A: ⁵O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

All: ⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

A: ⁷I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

All: ⁸I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

A: ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

All: ¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

A: ¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING: *1 Peter 1:3-9*

A: ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Thy Word*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

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GOSPEL READING: *John 20:19-31*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: ¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON – Pastor Kim Little-Brooks

HYMN OF THE DAY *Blessed Be Your Name*

¹ Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

² Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
 Turn back to praise
 When the darkness closes in, Lord
 Still I will say

Chorus Blessed be the name of the Lord
 Blessed be Your name
 Blessed be the name of the Lord
 Blessed be Your glorious name

³ Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

⁴ Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Repeat Pre-Chorus & Chorus

Bridge You give and take away
 You give and take away
 My heart will choose to say
 Lord blessed be Your name

Repeat Bridge & Chorus

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

Repeat Bridge & Chorus

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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: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A: Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way (especially). Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

A: Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

P: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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. 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

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 our 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.

All: Amen.

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 Spirit of the Living God

¹ Spirit of the Living God
Fall fresh on me
Spirit of the Living God
Fall fresh on me

² Melt me mold me
Fill me use me
Spirit of the Living God
Fall fresh on me

2 COMMUNION HYMN *Beautiful Savior (ELW 838)*

¹ Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

² Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

³ Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

⁴ Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

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Music: Schonster Herr Jesu, Silesian folk tune. 19th cent.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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: 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 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 *Shout To The Lord*

¹ My Jesus, my Saviour

Lord there is none like You

All of my days I want to praise

The wonders of Your mighty love

² My comfort, my shelter

Tower of refuge and strength

Let every breath, all that I am

Never cease to worship You

³ 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

⁴ 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

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Today's Worship Leaders (9:30 AM)

Assisting Minister	Nancy Bryars
Communion Assistants	Robin Gottlieb, Barbara Flowers
Ushers	Vince Gottlieb
Tech Booth	Charlie Gaevert, Ryan Stickland

Altar Flowers today are in honor of Ivy Walls Birthday!

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