



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pearland, TX

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Sunday, July 12, 2026
Contemporary Service

*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*

Chorus: 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

¹ 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...

Repeat Chorus

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Brian Doerksen, Vineyard Music USA

WELCOME – Pastor Kim Little-Brooks

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God,

All: We confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

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

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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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God,

All: Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

A: ¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13 *Please read responsively.*

A: ¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

All: ²To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.

A: ³Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

All: ⁴Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

A: ⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

All: ⁶You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.

A: ⁷You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

All: ⁸Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

A: ⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

All: ¹⁰You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

A: ¹¹You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

All: ¹²May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

A: ¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING: *Romans 8:1-11*

A: ¹Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

A: 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 13:1-9, 18-23*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: ¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁸"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON – Pastor Kim Little-Brooks

HYMN OF THE DAY *Blessed Assurance*

¹ 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

² 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

³ 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

Chorus

⁴ 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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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: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A:God of grace,

All:hear our prayer.

P: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

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: Loving God,

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 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,
 Hello, 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

P: 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 *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

Chorus

³ 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
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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*

Ending

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

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body

All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION – Let us Pray

A: Compassionate God,

All: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

All: Amen.

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

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

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

² Lord I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain

³ 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

Refrain

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DISMISSAL

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

All: Thanks be to God.

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Today's Worship Leaders (9:30 AM)

Assisting Minister	<i>Cheryl Robinson</i>
Communion Assistants	<i>Lyn Barron, Barbara Flowers</i>
Ushers	<i>Doug Barron</i>
Tech Booth	Charlie Gaever

Altar Flowers are from *Elna Ritter* in honor of our *USA's 250th Birthday*, her birthday, and her sister Lydia's birthday.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS July 12, 2026

Hurricane Season: Please remember:

- Never drive through standing water. Flood waters can be deeper and more dangerous than they appear.
- Avoid unnecessary travel during periods of heavy rain.
- Be prepared for possible power outages and localized flooding.
- Check on neighbors, especially older adults, those living alone, and others who may need assistance.

Adult Sunday School: Now studying the Book: The Universal Christ, at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

Vacation Bible School: VBS Mon., Aug. 3rd to Fri Aug. 7th, 5:30 ^{pm} to 7:30 ^{pm}, Invite all children to join us for Bible Study this summer. Fun, Snacks and Learning! Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

Church Game Night: Sat. Aug. 15th 5^{pm} – 8^{pm}, All are welcome to join us. Pizza and Fun provided!

Lutheran World Relief School Kits: We are collecting school items for the kits to be assembled in October. A list of items can be picked up in the Narthex. Watch for Sale items in stores this summer.

Seafarers: Please bring your **empty shoe boxes**. We will be packing them in December during the Senior Luncheon for the seafarer's Christmas gifts.

Fundraiser: Please bring **Aluminum Cans** and pull tops for the Youth who are raising funds for their ongoing projects.

Altar Flower Chart: Price for flowers is \$50.00 per arrangement. Take them home after the service. Flower Chart is located in the Narthex.

Crocheters and Knitters Needed: Please help us knit or crochet *Prayer Shawls* for our ministry. Please contact Julie Watkins.
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Fellowship Hall Rental: Receptions and Other Events: Call or Email the office for more Information: 281-485-1818, office@newlifelutheran.com

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