



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion
Traditional

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pearland, Tx

July 19, 2026
Worship at 9:30 AM

*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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME – PASTOR KIM LITTLE-BROOKS

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

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

GATHERING HYMN *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing: The Feast Is Ready (ELW 531)*

¹ The trumpets sound, the angels sing
The feast is ready to begin
The gates of heav'n are open wide
And Jesus welcomes you inside

Refrain Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight
Come and revel in heaven's love and light
Take your place at the table of the King
The feast is ready to begin
The feast is ready to begin

² Tables are laden with good things
O taste the peace and joy He brings
He'll fill you up with love divine
He'll turn your water into wine **Refrain**

³ The hungry heart He satisfies
Offers the poor His paradise
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud
The amazing goodness of the Lord **Refrain**

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE *You Are Holy (ELW 525)*

¹ You are holy, you are whole.
You are always ever more
than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.

² Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.

³ You are holy,
you are wholeness,
you are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!

⁴ Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to our God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Faithful God,

All: Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: *Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19*

A: ¹³For neither is there any god besides you whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly,

¹⁶For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.

¹⁷For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.

¹⁸Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge fairly, and with great forbearance you govern us, for you have power to act whenever you choose.

¹⁹Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

A: Word of God, Word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: *Psalm 86:11-17 Please read responsively by whole verse.*

A: ¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

All: ¹² I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.

A: ¹³For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

All: ¹⁴The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.

A: ¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

All: ¹⁶Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid. ¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND READING: *Romans 8:12-25*

A: ¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

A: Word of God, Word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (ELW 512)*

¹ Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.

² When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ²⁴Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Pastor Kim Little-Brooks

HYMN OF THE DAY *For the Fruit of All Creation (ELW 679)*

¹ For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

² In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

³ For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

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.

Silence for reflection.

A:God of grace,

All:hear our prayer.

P: Grateful for your abundant

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 – 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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *ELW p. 144*

¹ Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

² Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

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.**

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. You will then return to your pew from the side aisle.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

COMMUNION

P: The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

All: Amen.

1 COMMUNION HYMN *Lamb of God (ELW p.146)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

2 COMMUNION HYMN *Break Now the Bread of Life (ELW 515)*

¹ Break now the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you,
O living Word.

² Bless your own word of truth,
dear Lord, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace,
my All-in-All!

³ You are the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live
with you above;
teach me to love your truth,
for you are love.

3 COMMUNION HYMN *What Feast of Love (ELW 487)*

¹ What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!

² What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!

³ What wine of love is offered here,
what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood

All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Compassionate God,

All: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer,

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (ELW 517)*

¹ Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.

² Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church, that we
may sing your praise eternally.

³ O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

All: Thanks be to God.

Today's Worship Leaders (9:30 AM)

Assisting Minister

Nancy Bryars

Communion Assistants

Deanna Owens, Robin Gottlieb

Ushers

Vince Gottlieb

Tech Booth

Charlie Gaevert

Altar Flowers are from *Diane Tanksley* in honor of her and her sister's birthdays. *Diane Gail* and *Patty*.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS July 19, 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*.

Harvey Hamilton – Come to a *Thankful Blessing Get Together*, Tues. July 21st, 12:30pm, 50 years since *Harvey Hamilton's* life was saved in a major auto accident, and all the blessings since then. I hope you will be able to join us. RSVP 832-594-5770, *Frieda Hamilton Fox*.

 **2026 PIANO RECITAL**  : Saturday, Aug. 1st, 2:00 pm, In Church
Lead by *Nancy Housewright* with a dozen players. Free and Fun! Join us!

Space Cowboys Baseball: Game Sunday Aug. 2nd, Gates open at 5:30pm, Game Starts at 6:35pm. Sugarland, Tx. Signup sheet located in the Narthex.

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.

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

Rally Sunday: Sunday Aug. 16th. School Backpacks will be blessed. Please bring yours.

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.

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