



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pearland, TX

Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Sunday, July 26, 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 – Holy, Holy, Holy

¹ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

² Holy, holy, holy though the darkness hide thee
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity

Chorus You are holy, holy, holy
God of glory, God of grace
You are holy, holy, holy
You are worthy of our praise
You are holy, holy, holy
And we bow before you now
Singing holy, holy, holy

³ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

Chorus

⁴ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

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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 *How Deep The Father's Love For Us*

¹ How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

² Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

³ I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ

His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Beloved and sovereign God,

All: Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

A: ⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136 *Please read responsively.*

A: ¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

All: ¹³⁰When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

A: ¹³¹I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

All: ¹³²Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.

A: ¹³³Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

All: ¹³⁴Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.

A: ¹³⁵Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

All: ¹³⁶My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.

SECOND READING: *Romans 8:26-39*

A: ²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (ELW 752)*

Lord, listen to your children praying
Lord, send your spirit in this place
Lord, listen to your children praying
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace

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GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: ³¹Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON – Pastor Kim Little-Brooks

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*

¹ Lord, I lift Your name on high
Lord, I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

² You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high

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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 - Let us Pray

A: Loving God, we offer at your table

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: 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,
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 *Come to the Table of Grace*

¹ Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is god's table, it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.

² Come to the table of peace.
Come to the table of peace.
This is god's table, it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of peace.

³ Come to the table of love.
Come to the table of love.
This is god's table, it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of love.

2 COMMUNION HYMN *I am the Bread of Life*

¹ I am the Bread of Life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
And who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons

Chorus And I will raise you up,
 and I will raise you up,
 and I will raise you up on the last day.

² The bread that I will give is my flesh
for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever, you shall live forever

³ Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you. **Chorus**

⁴ I am the Resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me, even though you believe in me,
even though you die, you shall live forever.

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 – Let us Pray

A: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread

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 *How Great Is Our God*

¹ The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

Chorus How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

² Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb **Chorus**

Name above all names, worthy of all praise
My heart will sing, how great is our God (repeat)

Chorus

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Today’s Worship Leaders (9:30 AM)

Assisting Minister	Cheryl Robinson
Communion Assistants	<i>Barbara Flowers</i>
Ushers	<i>Nolan Patschke</i>
Tech Booth	

Altar Flowers are from ***Pastor Kim Little-Brooks***
in memory of Ruth Brooks

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

UPCOMING EVENTS July 26, 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.

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

Youth Mission Trip Presentation: Sunday Aug. 2nd, During Service, come and enjoy their talk.

Space Cowboys Baseball: Game Sunday Evening 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