



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pearland, TX

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Sunday, August 2, 2026
Traditional 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.

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.

GATHERING HYMN – *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (ELW 461)*

¹ All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

² All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

³ All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

Opening Hymn *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: Let us pray. Glorious God.....

All: Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

L: ¹Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 *Please read responsively.*

L: ⁸The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: ⁹Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

L: ¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

All: ¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

L: ¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

All: ¹⁷You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

L: ¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

All: ¹⁹You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.

L: ²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

All: ²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

SECOND READING: *Romans 9:1-5*

L: ¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

L: 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 READING: *Matthew 14:13-21*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: ¹³ Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON – Pastor Kim Little-Brooks

HYMN OF THE DAY *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (ACS 966)*

¹ Loaves were broken, words were spoken
by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of life from heaven,
was their food forevermore.

Refrain By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

² Loaves were broken, words were spoken
in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them,
Christ, you came as Light from Light. **Refrain**

³ Loaves are broken, words are spoken,
as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages:
"I am with you; do not fear!" **Refrain**

⁴ By the loaves you break and give us,
send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger,
words that tell your love and care. **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: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: God of Grace

All: Amen.

P: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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: 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:

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.

² Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
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,
 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

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

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 *Lamb of God (ELW Three)*

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 *Come, Let Us Eat (ELW 491)*

¹ Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together,
our Lord's body let us take together.

² Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

³ In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,
in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
in the presence of our Lord we gather.

⁴ Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,
rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

3 COMMUNION HYMN *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (ELW 712)*

¹ Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

² Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.

As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.

³ As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

⁴ Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.

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,

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 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (ELW 843)*

¹ Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

² Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

³ Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

All: Thanks be to God.

Today's Worship Leaders (9:30 AM)

Assisting Minister	<i>Helen Beckman</i>
Lector	<i>Bonnie Grimaldi</i>
Communion Assistants	<i>Cheryl Robinson</i>
Ushers	<i>Jenaro Castillo</i>

Altar Flowers are from ***Doug & Lynn Barron***
Honoring Diane Tanksley and her well lived life.

UPCOMING EVENTS August 2, 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*.

Youth Misson 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.

Welca Lunch: Wed. Aug. 12th, Women of the ELCA Lunch will be at Baytown Seafood in Pearland at 12:00. Please join us!

Game Night: Sat. Aug. 15th , 5^{pm} – 8^{pm}, 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 Nartex. 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