



NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pearland, TX

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Sunday, August 9, 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 – Change My Heart Oh God

¹ Change my heart, oh God,
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, oh God,
May I be like You.

² You are the Potter,
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me,
This is what I pray.

³ Change my heart, oh God,
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, oh God,
May I be like You.

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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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Goodness of God*

¹ I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

² I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

Bridge Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Repeat Bridge

Chorus

I will sing of the goodness of God

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

L: ⁹At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13 *Please read responsively.*

L: ⁸I will listen to what the Lord God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

All: ⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

L: ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

All: ¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

L: ¹²The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

All: ¹³Righteousness shall go before the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.

SECOND READING: *Romans 10:5-15*

L: ⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " that is, to bring Christ down ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " that is, to bring Christ up from the dead. ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" that is, the word of faith that we proclaim, ⁹because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

L: 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 14:22-33*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: ²²Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON – Pastor Kim Little-Brooks

HYMN OF THE DAY *Breathe*

¹ This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me

² This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me

Chorus And I, I'm desperate for You
And I, I'm lost without You

Repeat ALL

Repeat Chorus

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe

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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: 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.

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

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 which he was betrayed, our Lord In the night 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

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 *God With Us*

¹ Who are we

That You would be mindful of us

What do You see

That's worth looking our way

² We are free

In ways that we never should be

Sweet release

From the grip of these chains

Like hinges straining from the weight

My heart no longer can keep from singing

Chorus All that is within me cries
For You alone be glorified
Emmanuel, God with us
My heart sings a brand new song
The debt is paid these chains are gone
Emmanuel, God with us

³ Lord You know

Our hearts don't deserve Your glory

Still You show

A love we cannot afford

Like hinges straining from the weight
My heart no longer can keep from singing

Repeat Chorus

Such a tiny offering compared to Calvary
Nevertheless we lay it at Your feet **(repeat)**

MY debt is paid these chains are gone
Emmanuel, God with us

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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*

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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 *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
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:

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Today's Worship Leaders (9:30 AM)

Assisting Minister	<i>Cheryl Robinson</i>
Lector	<i>Bonnie Grimaldi</i>
Communion Assistants	<i>Barbara Flowers, Nancy Bryars</i>
Ushers	<i>Jenaro Castillo</i>
Tech Booth	<i>Charlie Gaever</i>

Altar Flowers are from **Gordon and Tina Meyer**
for their daughter **Bunny's birthday**.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS August 9, 2026

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.

Meals on Wheels: Mon 17th to Fri 21st Contact *Barbara Flowers* if interested.

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.

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

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

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.