



**May 5, 2024**

**A Special Message to First-Time Visitors**

We are delighted to have you with us today! Here are a few things you might want to know as you prepare for worship.

We love to see children at worship and welcome them in the sanctuary. There are activity bags available in the hallway for them should they become restless. We also have a nursery located in the wing opposite the sanctuary staffed by two capable, loving people.

The restrooms are located just outside the hallway leading to the sanctuary, with a wheelchair/handicap accessible restroom down the hall. If you need help finding any of these, please ask an usher.

We have a "Welcome" packet for you with more information about Living Word Lutheran Church.

Each row has a red pad with a form for all in attendance to complete. Please complete the form so we can provide a more personal ministry.

Prayer request cards are included for you to fill out and place in the plate when offering is taken. The pastor will then, with your permission, share the concern and pray for your need during the prayer time.

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday to all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You are invited to commune with us. The dark red liquid is wine and the lighter colored liquid is grape juice.

We welcome the opportunity to visit with you. Please join us for coffee & cookies immediately following the service.

Your presence today is a blessing. May our collective worship be acceptable and pleasing to God, our Father.

**May 5, 2024**

**Usher/Greeter/Acolyte**

Sharlene Parker/Feliz  
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**Communion Assistant**

Carol Brennan

**Communion Set-up/clean-up**

Yvonne Olson/Sue Fields/Mae  
Mullin

**Coffee Hour**

Heidi Sturdivant/Lorraine Stargel

**Flowers**

Don and Carol Brennan

**Tellers**

Judy Krumwiede/Linda Kupka

Sharlene Parker

**Julian Estates Worship Leaders**

Jeff and Claire DeBord

**Bonaventure**

Jeff and Claire DeBord

**May 12, 2024**

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**Order of Worship**

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter / The Ascension of Our Lord  
Pastor Eric Lundberg

**LBW-Green Hymnal, HWC-Light Blue Hymnal, WOV-Dark Blue Hymnal**

*Please remember to silence all electronic devices upon entering the sanctuary.*

*Before the service we talk to God. During the service God talks to us.*

*After the service, we talk to each other.*

**MISSION STATEMENT**

“We, God’s people of Living Word Lutheran Church, grounded in Holy Scripture are called to follow and share the inspired Word of God in Christ, to live as faithful and obedient servants, reaching out to all people with the love of Jesus Christ.”

Living Word is affiliated with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. (<https://lcmc.net>)

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Our worship begins with background music about five minutes before the stated start time.  
Please take this opportunity to find a seat and quietly prepare your heart for worship.

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Don and Carol Brennan

### Prelude

“Breathe / Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

arr. Alex -Zsolt

### Praise Song

“Breathe”

#### Verse

This is the air I breathe,  
This is the air I breathe:  
Your holy presence living in me.  
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 Verse and Chorus

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### Opening Hymn *(please stand)*

“You Servants of God”

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#### Verse 1

You servants of God, your master proclaim,  
And publish abroad his wonderful name;  
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;  
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

#### Verse 3

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

#### Verse 2

Our God rules on high, almighty to save;  
And still he is nigh, his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!

#### Verse 4

Then let us adore and give him his right,  
All glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing, with angels above,  
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

**Prayer of the Day** (all pray): **Almighty God, your only Son was taken up into heaven and in power intercedes for us. May we also come into your presence and live forever in your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

## We Worship by Confessing Our Sins

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: (*Facing altar which symbolizes God's presence*): Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: (*Facing the congregation, declares God's grace*): In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

All: Praise the LORD!

## We Hear and Read God's Word

(Please stand for the Gospel reading)

**The Gospel reading is from St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter (ESV)**

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of

these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup> And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.

R: The Gospel of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

**This reading is from Psalm 47 (ESV) (responsive)**

**R:** Reader: <sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**Congregation:** <sup>2</sup> **For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.**

**R:** <sup>3</sup> He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

**C:** <sup>4</sup> **He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

**R:** <sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**C:** <sup>6</sup> **Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

**R:** <sup>7</sup> For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

**C:** <sup>8</sup> **God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

**R:** <sup>9</sup> The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

**All:** **For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!**

(Here ends this reading)

**We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Apostles' Creed**

**I BELIEVE** in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

**I BELIEVE** in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I BELIEVE** in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Children's Message**

**Announcements**

**The preaching text is from Acts, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter (ESV).**

**1** In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, **2** until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. **3** He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

**4** And while staying<sup>[a]</sup> with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; **5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with<sup>[b]</sup> the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

**6** So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to

Israel?” **7** He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” **9** And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. **10** And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, **11** and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

R: The Word of the Lord

**C: Praise to you O Christ**

**Message**

**Offertory**

**“He Is Lord / When Morning Gilds the Skies”**

arr. Cindy Berry

**Offering Hymn**

**“Create In Me”**

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Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
And uphold me with your free Spirit.

**The Words of Institution**

**Holy Communion**

**Communion Hymns**

**“Lamb of God”**

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, grant us peace.

**Verse 1**

O living bread from heaven,  
How well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given,  
Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,  
Oh cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
With praises overflows!

**Verse 2**

My Lord, you here have led me,  
Within your holiest place,  
And here yourself have fed me,  
With treasures of your grace;  
For you have freely given  
What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven,  
That now I shall not die.

**Verse 3**

You gave me all I wanted,  
This food can death destroy.  
And you have freely granted,  
The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit  
The favor you have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit  
Bow down before your throne.

**Verse 4**

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened,  
With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened,  
To serve with holy fear.  
And when you call my spirit  
To leave this world below,  
I enter, through your merit,  
Where joys unmingled flow.

**Verse 1**

Sent forth by God’s blessing,  
Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended.  
Oh, now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of his teaching,  
Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us,  
His love shall unite us  
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.

**Verse 2**

With praise and thanksgiving  
To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
In love ever caring,  
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.  
With your feast you feed us,  
With your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

**Prayers of the Church**

**The LORD’s Prayer**

**The LORD’s Prayer** (sung)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Benediction** (*please stand*)

**Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**On Our Way Rejoicing**

**Closing Hymn**

**“Beautiful Savior”**

**LBW 518**

**Verse 1**

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

**Verse 3**

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

**Verse 2**

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

**Verse 4**

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!

**P:** Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**

**“We've a Story to Tell the Nations”**

**Musician:** Mary Kaye Owen

**Choir Director:** Dan Owen

**We Worship By How We Live During the Week**

*Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!  
If you are a visitor, we are blessed that you have joined us for worship.  
Coffee hour will follow the worship service. Please join us!*