



**March 24, 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 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.

At the beginning of the service, the ushers distribute red pads 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.

**March 24, 2024**

**Usher**

Lorraine Stargel

Mae Mullin/Feliz Lundberg

**Security**

Ron Johnson

**Sound System**

Troy Turner

**Lector**

Judy Williams/Mae Mullin

**Communion Assistant**

Nancy Martin

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

Nancy Martin/Ardis Kilber

**Coffee Hour**

Valerie Claiborne/Ardis Kilber/

Nancy Martin

**Tellers**

Judy Krumwiede/Linda Kupka

**Julian Estates Worship Leaders**

Sharlene Parker/Tony & Linda Deas

**Bonaventure**

Sharlene Parker/Ron Johnson

**March 31, 2024**

**Usher**

Toni Sherman

**Security**

Dennis Krumwiede

**Sound System**

Bill Zavadil

**Lector**

Ron Johnson

**Communion Assistant**

Sharlene Parker

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

Lorraine Stargel/Ardis Kilber

**Coffee Hour**

Men's Ministry

**Flowers**

Easter Lilies

**Tellers**

Judy Krumwiede/Linda Kupka

Sharlene Parker

**Julian Estates Worship Leaders**

**TBD**

**Bonaventure**

**TBD**



**Order of Worship**

March 24, 2024, Palm Sunday

Pastor Eric Lundberg

**Abbreviations: LBW-Green Hymnal, HWC-Light Blue Hymnal WOV-Dark Blue Hymnal ESV English Standard Version R: Reader C: Congregation P: Pastor**

*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.*

**Pastor's Corner**

Good morning and Welcome to Living Word!

I am so glad that you chose to worship with us this morning. We are spending this Lent season doing a spiritual assessment of our walks with the Lord. I feel that we, as Christians, can get very comfortable with our faith and fall out of step with an active and advancing God. The church was not designed to stay still - we are designed to advance. As we enter worship this morning, lets allow our hearts and minds to be open to the Holy Spirit. Let's allow him to point out things in our lives that do not belong and surrender those things to him. The presence of God is very near - He desires to be with us. Lent is all about removing the mess we created in our own hearts, so that he can replace that with his plan, purpose and righteousness!

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**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

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

### Prelude

“Hosanna”

### Praise Song

“Lion and the Lamb”

#### Verse 1

He's coming on the clouds:  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down,  
And every chain will break,  
As broken hearts declare His praise,  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty? **(Chorus)**

#### Verse 2

So open up the gates,  
Make way before the King of kings.  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free,  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty **(Chorus)**

#### Chorus

Our God is the Lion, The Lion of Judah.  
He's roaring with power, And fighting our battles, And every knee will bow before Him.  
Our God is the Lamb: The Lamb that was slain For the sins of the world.  
His blood breaks the chains,  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb;  
Every knee will bow before Him

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### Opening Hymn and Procession (*please stand*)

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

LBW 108

#### Refrain:

All glory, laud and honor  
To You, redeemer, king,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

#### Verse 3

The multitude of pilgrims  
With palms before You went.  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before You we present. **(Refrain)**

#### Verse 1

You are the King of Israel  
And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming,  
Our King and Blessed One. **(Refrain)**

#### Verse 4

To you, before Your passion,  
They sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise. **(Refrain)**

#### Verse 2

The company of angels  
Are praising You on high;  
Creation and all mortals  
In chorus make reply. **(Refrain)**

#### Verse 5

Their praises You accepted;  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious King. **(Refrain)**

**Prayer of the Day** (all pray) **Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

<b>We Worship by Confessing Our Sins</b>
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P: We continue our worship by confessing our sins ...

P: Out of the depths, we cry out to You, Oh Lord. Oh Lord hear our voice. Let Your ears be attentive to our cry for mercy. If You, Oh Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are to be feared.

**C: Oh Lord, hear our cry.**

P: God promises to hear our prayers and to never forsake us. Trust that our cries to God are heard by Him and that, in the name of Jesus, reconciliation will happen. Let's take some time to cry out to God asking for forgiveness, trusting that God is waiting to hear from us.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

P: Oh Lord...

**C: We wait for You, our souls wait for You, and in Your Word we put our hope. Our souls wait for You, Oh Lord, more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Oh Lord hear our prayer and forgive us our sins for we know that in You there is mercy; in You there is hope; in You there is life. Hear our cries and grant us Your grace in the name of Your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: We have cried out to the Lord and the Lord has heard our prayers. Oh people of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love. And with Him, is full redemption. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, and by his authority, I declare onto you the complete forgiveness of all your sins. Rejoice and be glad for we have a God who loves us and wants to spend eternity with us. Praise be to God, Amen.

## Special Music

## "Ancient Words"

## Choir Ensemble

<b>We Hear and Read God's Word</b>
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**The first reading is from Isaiah, the 50<sup>th</sup> chapter (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup> The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.

<sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup> But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

<sup>8</sup> He who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.  
Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

<sup>9</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

R: The Word of the Lord    **C: Thanks be to God**

**This reading is from Psalm 31 (ESV) (responsive)**

R: <sup>9</sup> Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

**C: <sup>10</sup> For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.**

R: <sup>11</sup> Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors,  
and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

**C: <sup>12</sup> I have been forgotten like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.**

R: <sup>13</sup> For I hear the whispering of many—terror on every side!—as they scheme together against me  
as they plot to take my life.

**C: <sup>14</sup> But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.”**

R: <sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

**C: <sup>16</sup> Make your face shine on your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love!**

(Here ends this reading)

Special Music

“The Holy City”

Sharon Johnson

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

**WE BELIEVE** in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**WE BELIEVE** in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

And his kingdom will have no end.

**WE BELIEVE** in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Children's Message

### Announcements

*(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel Lesson)*

**The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter** (Read by confirmation student Mae Mullin)

<sup>1</sup> Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> "Say to the daughter of Zion,

Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" <sup>10</sup> And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

### Message

### Offertory

#### **"Rejoice the Lord Is King"**

### Offering Hymn

#### **"Create in Me"**

Create in me a clean heart, Oh God,  
And renew a right spirit within me  
Create in me a clean heart, Oh God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence O Lord,  
And take not your Holy Spirit from me  
Restore unto me, the joy of Thy salvation,  
And renew a right spirit within me.

### The Words of Institution

### Presentation of Palms as Part of Communion

### 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.

**“The Old Rugged Cross”**

**HWC 186**

**Verse 1**

On a hill far away stood an old, rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain. **Refrain**

**Verse 2**

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary. **Refrain**

**Verse 3**

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see;  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me. **Refrain**

**Verse 4**

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share. **Refrain**

**Refrain**

So, I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

**“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”**

**HWC 380**

**Verse 1**

I am weak but Thou are strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee. **Refrain**

**Refrain**

Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily, walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

**Verse 2**

Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. **Refrain**

**Verse 3**

When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. **Refrain**

**Prayers of the Church**

**The LORD's Prayer**

**The LORD's Prayer** (spoken)

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.

**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**

**“Lift High the Cross”**

**LBW 377**

**Refrain**

Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name

**Verse 3**

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died. **Refrain**

**Verse 1**

Come Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

**Verse 4**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. **Refrain**

**Verse 2**

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **Refrain**

**Verse 5**

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

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

**C:** Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**

**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!*