



March 3, 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 young women.

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 3, 2024

Usher

Lorraine Stargel/
Claire DeBord/Feliz Lundberg

Security

Dick Schmidt

Sound System

Bill Zavadil

Lector

Tony Deas/Feliz Lundberg

Communion Assistant

Nancy Martin

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Yvonne Olson/Sue Fields

Coffee Hour

Sharlene Partker

Flowers

*** no flowers in Lent ***

Tellers

Judy Krumwiede/Linda Kupka

Sharlene Parker

Julian Estates Worship Leaders

Mike & Gayla Fenimore

Bonaventure

Mike & Gayla Fenimore

March 10, 2024

Usher

Judy Williams
Harmony Lundberg/James Mullin

Security

Dennis Krumwiede

Sound System

Troy Turner

Lector

Judy Williams/James Mullin

Communion Assistant

Lorraine Stargel

Communion Set-up/clean-up

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Coffee Hour

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Order of Worship

March 3, 2024, 3rd Sunday in Lent

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.

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!

God Bless You!

Pastor Eric Lundber

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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.”

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

“The Old Rugged Cross”

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)**

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

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)**

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Prayer of the Day (all pray): **Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Opening Hymn and Choir

“Glory in the Cross”

HWC 182-185

This is a medley of readings and hymns; a collaboration between choir and congregation. It is from the light-blue hymnal, [A Hymnal of Worship and Celebration](#).

Worship Leader:

And Jesus answered them saying, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Father, glorify Thy name." There came therefore a voice out of heaven: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." The multitude therefore, who stood by and heard it, were saying that it thundered; others were saying, "An angel has spoken to Him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes. Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world shall be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself." But he was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.

All:

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,...

Worship Leader:

...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

All:

But may it never be that I should boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

John 12:23, 28-33; Phil. 2:8-9; Heb. 12:2; Gal. 6:14 (NASB)

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Verse 1 (All):

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand –
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.**

Verse 2 (choir only)

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Verse 1 (All):

**In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.**

Verse 2 (choir only)

"When I Survey the Wonderous Cross"

Verse 1 (All):

**When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.**

Verse 2 (All):

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most – sacrifice them to His blood.**

Verse 3 (choir only)

Verse 4 (All):

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Ending (choir only)

We Worship with Confession of Sins

(from the *Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness*, LBW p. 56)

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

Special Music

"Ancient Words"

The first reading is from 1 Corinthians, the 2nd Chapter (English Standard Version)

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritu-

¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶ "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 19 (ESV) (responsive)

R 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

C: 2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

R 3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

C: 4 Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,

R 5 which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and,
like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

C: 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

R 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;

C: 8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

R 9 the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.

C: 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

R 11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

C: 12 Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

R 13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

C: 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

(Here ends this reading)

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

This reading is from Revelation, the 2nd chapter. (Read by confirmation student Feliz Lundberg)

¹⁸ "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: 'The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

¹⁹ "I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. ²⁰ But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹ I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. ²² Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, ²³ and I will

strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. ²⁴ But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. ²⁵ Only hold fast what you have until I come. ²⁶ The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, ²⁷ and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. ²⁸ And I will give him the morning star.

(R: Here ends this reading)

C: Thanks be to God

Message

Offertory

“At the Cross”

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

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.

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

LBW 235

Verse 1

Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you, O living Word.

Verse 2

Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, my All in all!

Verse 3

You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me,
Your holy word the truth That rescues me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
Teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Verse 4

Oh, send your Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
That he may touch my eyes and make me see.
Show me the truth concealed within your Word,
And in your book revealed I see my Lord.

“Come, Let Us Eat”

LBW 214

Verse 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

Verse 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.

Verse 3

In his presence now we meet and rest,
In his presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of the Lord we gather,
In the presence of the Lord we gather.

Verse 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.

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

"Standing on the Promises of God"

HWC 271

Verse 1

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God. **(Refrain)**

Verse 2

Standing on then promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God. **(Refrain)**

Verse 4

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God. **(Refrain)**

Refrain

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

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!***