



April 28, 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 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.



Order of Worship
April 28, 5th Sunday of Easter
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.*

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.”

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Flowers
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Tellers
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Ron & Sharon Johnson

May 5, 2024

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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 Bob and Nancy Martin

Prelude

“Above All”

arr. Alex-Zsolt

Praise Song

“Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)”

Verse 1

O come, behold the works of God,
The nations at His feet.
He breaks the bow and bends the spear
And tells the wars to cease.
O Mighty One of Israel, You are on our side.
We walk by faith
In God who burns the chariots with fire.

Chorus

Lord of hosts, You're with us, with us in the fire,
With us as a Shelter,
With us in the storm.
You will lead us
Through the fiercest battle.
Oh, where else would we go
But with the Lord of hosts.

Verse 2

O God of Jacob, fierce and great,
You lift Your voice to speak.
The earth, it bows
And all the mountains move into the sea.
O Lord, You know the hearts of men,
And still You let them live.
O God who makes the mountains melt,
Come wrestle us and win.
O God who makes the mountains melt,
Come wrestle us and win. **(Chorus)**

Bridge (2X)

Though oceans roar, You are the Lord of all,
The One who calms the wind and waves
And makes my heart be still.
Though the earth gives way,
The mountains move into the sea,
The nations rage,
I know my God is in control. **(Chorus 2X)**

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Opening Hymn *(please stand)*

“10, 000 Reasons”

Matt Redman

[Chorus]

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before,
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes **[Chorus]**

Verse 2

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find **[Chorus]**

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore **[Chorus x2]**

Yes, I'll worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Prayer of the Day (all pray) **O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness (based on Psalm 130)

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.

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Acts, the 8th chapter (ESV)

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 22 (ESV) (responsive)

R: ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

C: ²⁶ **The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!**

R: ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

C: ²⁸ **For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

R: ²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

C: ³⁰ **Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

R: ³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

(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

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel lesson)

The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter (ESV).

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

(R: The Gospel of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

“Jesus Paid It All”

arr. Alex-Zsolt

Offering Hymn *(please stand)*

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

“Lamb of God”

Verse 1

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Chorus

Oh, Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh, wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Verse 2

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God **(chorus)**

Verse 3

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God **(chorus)**

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"In Christ Alone"

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song,
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All;
Here in the love of Christ I'll stand.

Verse 2

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe;
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save,
'Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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"There Is a Redeemer"

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Verse 1

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One. **(Refrain)**

Refrain

Thank You, oh, my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'til
The work on earth is done. **(Refrain)**

Verse 2

Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

When I stand in Glory,
I will see His face,
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place. **(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

"You're the Word of God the Father (Across the Lands)"

Verse 1

You're the Word of God the Father
From before the world began
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice
Let the skies declare Your glory
Let the land and seas rejoice **(Chorus)**

Chorus

You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands

Verse 2

Yet You left the gaze of angels
Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross
With a prayer You fed the hungry
With a word You stilled the sea
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

With a shout You rose victorious
Wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home **(Chorus)**

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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!***

Worship Assistants for May 2024

**Please note: If you are unable to meet your commitment, please switch dates with someone.
inform your coordinator and Office.**

Last updated 4/25/2024

Coordinators	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	
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Julian Estates Worship Leaders Ron Heilman	Jeff and Claire DeBord	Ron and Sharon Johnson	Tony and Linda Deas	Sharlene Parker and Ron Heilman	
Bonaventure Ron Heilman	Jeff and Claire DeBord	Ron and Sharon Johnson	Ron Heilman	Ron Heilman	

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