



Revelation 3:20 “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. *NKJV*”

April 7, 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.

April 7, 2024

Usher/Greeter

Carol Brennan/Feliz Lundberg

Security

Don Brennan

Sound System

Troy Turner

Lector

Harmony Lundberg

Communion Assistant

Nancy Martin

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Yvonne Olson/Sue Fields

Coffee Hour

Judy Williams/Lorraine Stargel

Flowers

*** Easter Lilies ***

Tellers

Judy Krumwiede/Linda Kupka

Sharlene Parker

Julian Estates Worship Leaders

Tony & Linda Deas

Bonaventure

Ron Johnson

April 14, 2024

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Order of Worship

April 7, 2024, 2nd Sunday of Easter

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!

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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

Praise Song

“Behold, Behold” (2X)

Behold, behold! I stand at the door and knock, knock, knock;
Behold, behold! I stand at the door and knock, knock knock;
If anyone hear my voice, if anyone hear my voice,
And will open, open, open the door, I will come in.

Opening Hymn *(please stand)*

“The Day of Resurrection”

HWC 226

Verse 1

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.

Verse 2

Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light;
And, listening to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own “All hail!” and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

Verse 3

Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth her song begin!
The world resound in triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord hath risen,
Out Joy that hath no end.

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **Almighty God, we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord’s resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; 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 with Confession

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

The first reading is from Acts, the 4th chapter (ESV)

³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,

and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 133 (ESV) (responsive)

Reader: ¹ Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

Congregation: ² It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

Reader: ³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

(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

Sermon Text

The sermon text is from Revelation, the 3rd chapter. ESV

¹⁴ “And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.

¹⁵ “I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white

garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹ Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹ The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Message

Offertory

Offering Hymn

“Create In Me”

LBW p. 96

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.

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

HWC 323

Verse 1

Let us break bread together
on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us break bread together
on our knees; (on our knees;) **(Refrain)**

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Verse 2

Let us drink the cup together
on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us drink the cup together
on our knees. (on our knees;) **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

Let us praise God together
on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us praise God together
on our knees. (on our knees;) **(Refrain)**

“This Is My Body”

WOV 707

This is my body given up for you, this is my blood poured out for you.
This is my body given up for you, this is my blood poured out for you.
Body of Christ. Amen. Blood of Christ. Amen.
Body of Christ. Amen. Blood of Christ. Amen.

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

“Thine Is the Glory”

HWC 227

Verse 1

Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes
Where Thy body lay. **(Refrain)**

Verse 2

Lo! Jesus meets us,
Risen, from the tomb!
Lovingly, He greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom;
Let His church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth;
Death hath lost its sting. **(Refrain)**

Refrain

Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.

Verse 3

No more we doubt Thee,
Glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without Thee;
Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors,
Through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
With Thy power and love. **(Refrain)**

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

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!***