



April 14, 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.

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Usher/Greeter

Lorraine Stargel/Harmony
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Bob Martin

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Coffee Hour

Sharlene Parker/Toni Sherman

Flowers

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Tellers

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Mike and Gayla Fenimore

Bonaventure

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Order of Worship

April 14, 2024, 3rd 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.

Pastors' Corner

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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

“Jesus Is Better”

Led by Naomi Lundberg

Verse 1

There is no other so sure and steady
My hope is held in Your hand
When castles crumble and breath is fleeting
Upon this rock I will stand
Upon this rock I will stand **(Chorus)**

Chorus

Glory glory we have no other King
But Jesus Lord of all
We raise the anthem
Our loudest praises ring
We crown Him Lord of all

Verse 2

Your kindly rule has shattered and broken
The curse of sin's tyranny
My life is hidden 'neath Heaven's shadow
Your crimson flood covers me
Your crimson flood covers me

Bridge

In all my sorrows Jesus is better
Make my heart believe
In ev'ry vict'ry Jesus is better
Make my heart believe
Than any comfort Jesus is better
Make my heart believe
More than all riches Jesus is better
Make my heart believe
And our souls declaring Jesus is better
Make my heart believe
And our song eternal Jesus is better
Make my heart believe
(Chorus)

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Opening Hymn *(please stand)*

“Now All The Vault Of Heaven Resounds”

LWB 143

Verse 1

Now all the vault of heaven resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”;
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 2

Eternal is the gift he brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ hath triumphed! He is living!”
Now still he comes to give us life
And by his presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 3

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 4

Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heavenly blessed sing:
“Christ hath triumphed! Alleluia!”
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of the Day (all pray) O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; 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

Confession and Forgiveness (Psalm 51)

P: We come to this moment of confession in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen!**

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; in Your great compassion blot out our offenses. **C: Wash us from our wickedness and cleanse us from our sins.**

P: You, O God, know our sin. Nothing is hidden from You. Therefore, You are justified when You speak, and You are right when You judge.

C: Make us pure, O God. Wash our slate clean. Turn from our sin and remember it no more.

P: Hide Your face from our sins. Grant us mercy, even though we are unworthy.

C: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence and take not take Your Holy Spirit from us.

P: Give us the joy of Your saving help and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit.

C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; in Your great compassion blot out our offenses.

P: Let us take some time to confess our sins before God.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

P: Almighty God...

C: We have fallen short of Your glory. We have done things with which You are not well pleased. We have failed to do things that would have helped our neighbor. We confess that sin has come between You and us. O God, We come before You now in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior to ask for Your forgiveness and a cleansing of our hearts. Hear our prayer. We want to be in a right relationship with You. Please remove all those things that we allow to get in the way. We are sorry for what we have done. We humbly come before You with our confessions and thanksgiving. Amen

P: People of God, you have made confession of your sins before the Lord. Therefore, you are promised forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ. So, by the authority of God our Father and Jesus Christ His only Son and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I boldly and confidently announce the forgiveness of all your sins. You have been washed clean and purified of your sins. Rejoice and be glad, for you are a child of God.

C: Praise be to God and Amen!

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Acts, the 3rd chapter (ESV)

¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷ "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 4 (ESV) (responsive)

Rader: ¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

**Congregation: ² O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?
How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**

R: ³ But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

C: ⁴ Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

R: ⁵ Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

C: ⁶ There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"

R: ⁷ You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

C: ⁸ In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

(R: 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).

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

(R: The Gospel of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

Offering Hymn

"With Grateful Joy"

With grateful joy for You, The Source of all life
We raise one voice To You from whom all blessings flow

You are the Giver of life, You are the Lover of life
The good Sustainer of life
We live in You
We live in You

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The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

“The Lamb”

Verse 1

The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb
Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

Verse 2

The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, His will
On our behalf the law to fill. **(Chorus)**

Verse 4

He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. **(Chorus)**

Verse 5

He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **(Chorus)**

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Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

WOV 706

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the goodness of God.
Bread of life, cup of love, we rejoice in your presence.

Verse 1

I will bless the Lord at all times,
praise with heart and voice;
In my God I glory forever:
listen and rejoice **Refrain**

Verse 2

Look upon the Lord, be radiant,
never turn away.
God will save in ev'ry affliction,
hear us when we pray. **Refrain**

Verse 3

Angels fold their wings around us,
guard through good and ill.
Those who seek the Lord will lack nothing;
taste, and have your fill. **Refrain**

Verse 4

Saints of God, bow down and worship,
Bless the holy name.
Rise to tell God's greatness forever,
wondrous deeds proclaim! **Refrain**

“Eat This Bread” (2X)

WOV 709

Eat this bread; drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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.

Hymn

"There's Something About That Name"

HWC 102

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; there's just something about that name.
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all Heaven and earth proclaim
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name.

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

"The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power"

HWC 192

Verse 1

The blood that Jesus shed for me, 'Way back on Calvary;
The blood that gives me strength from day to day,
It will never lose its power.

Refrain

It reaches to the highest mountain. It flows to the lowest valley.
The blood that gives me strength from day to day,
It will never lose its power.

Verse 2

It soothes my doubt and calms my fears, And it dries all my tears;
The blood that gives me strength from day to day,
It will never lose its power. **(Refrain)**

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P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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!